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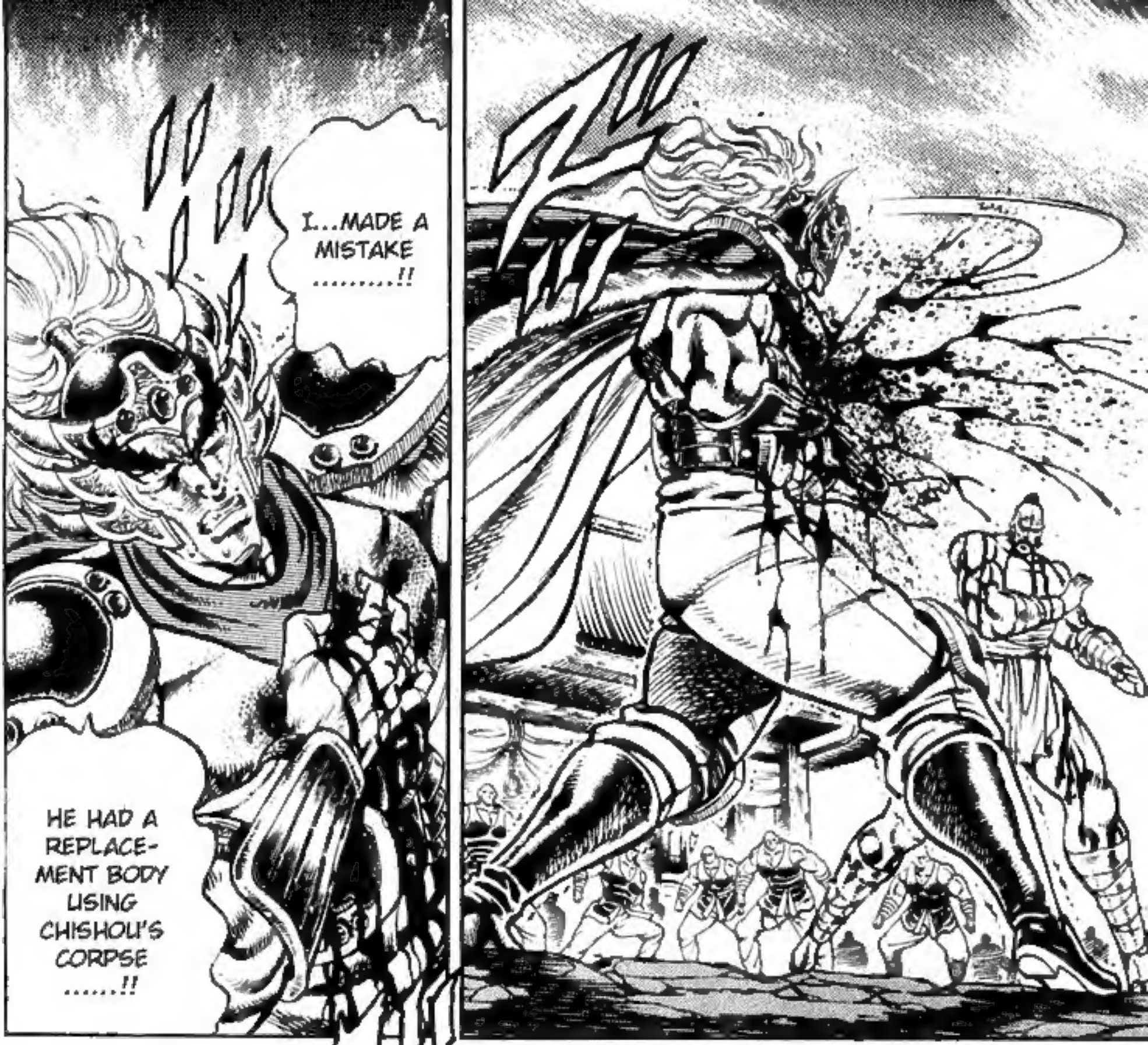
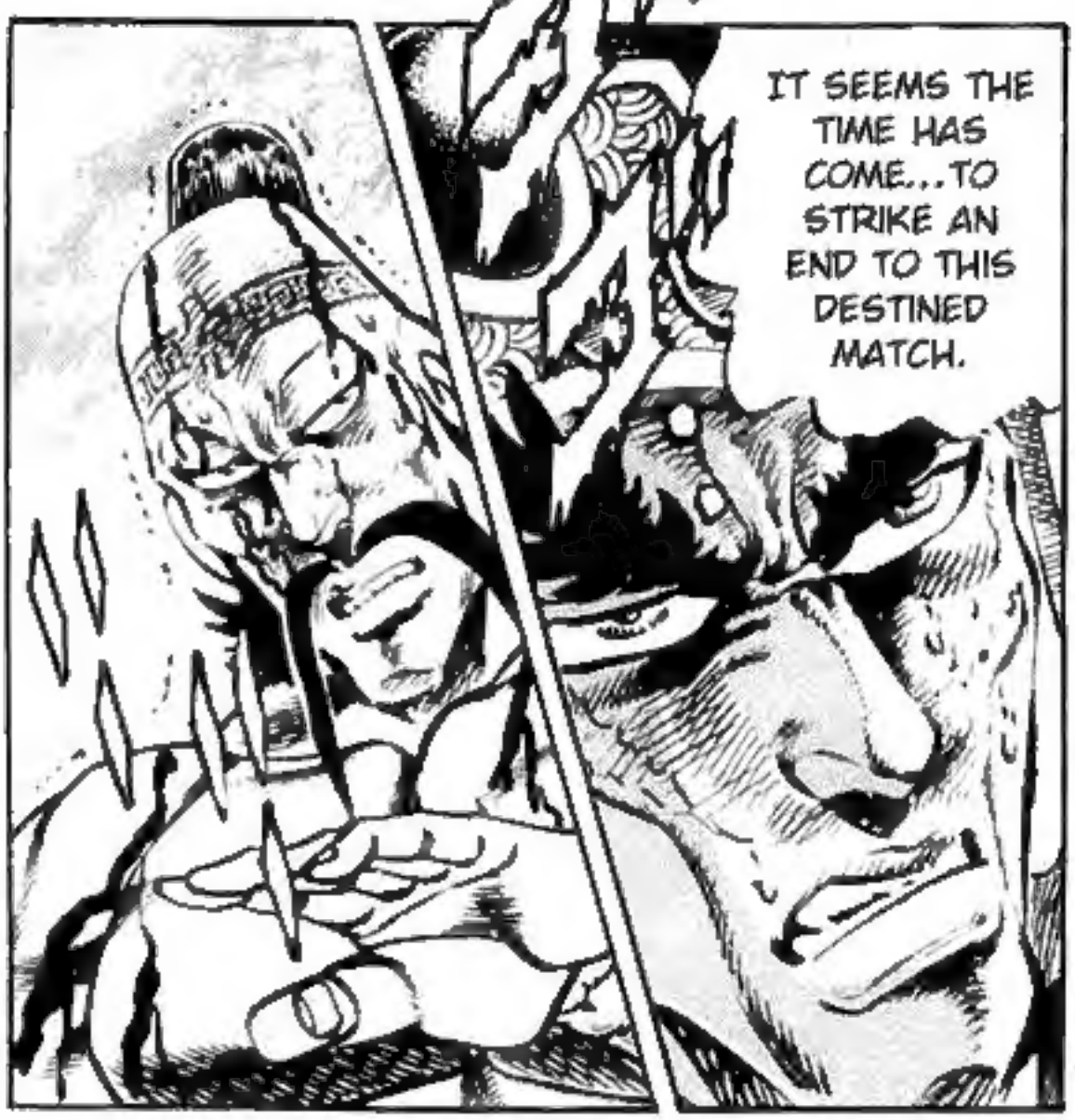
Y...YOU DID IT, WAN TAAREN ---!!
WA...WAN TAAREN'S HAND-BLADE HAS GONE THROUGH KENNOU'S CHEST----!!


I...MADE A MISTAKE .....!!
HE HAD A REPLACE-MENT BODY USING CHISHOU'S CORPSE .....!!


IT SEEMS THE TIME HAS COME...TO STRIKE AN END TO THIS DESTINED MATCH.

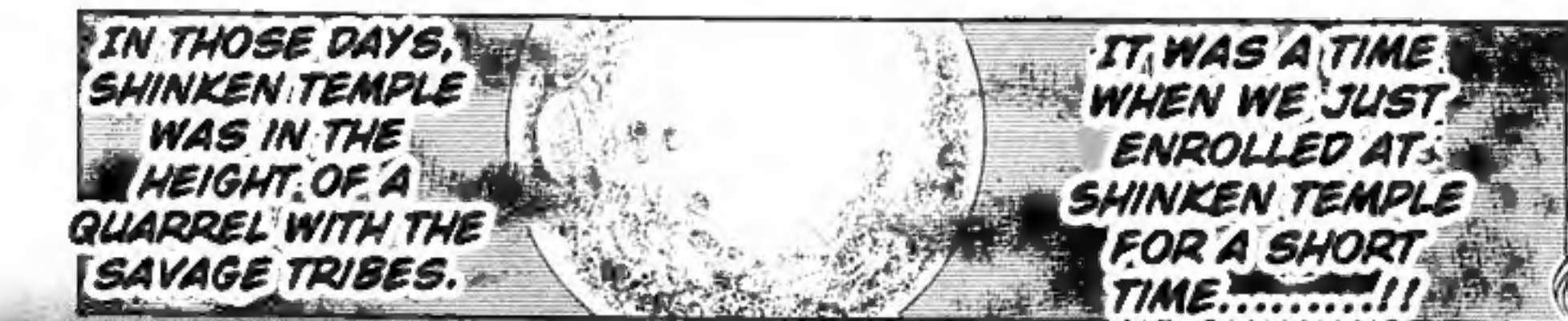
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH POWER REMAINING!!
BUT YOU'RE THE SAME, WAN!!

N...NO, EVEN IF THEY'RE STANDING LIKE THAT, IT'S A STRANGE POSITION .....!!
THEY BOTH DON'T HAVE LEFT ANYMORE THE POWER TO USE OUGI.

WITH THE... STANCES TAKEN BY BOTH KENNOU AND WAN TAAREN, THEY'VE STARTED TO GLARE WITHOUT MOVING AT ALL!!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG!?

BY STRAIN-ING THE LAST OF THEIR POWER .....!!
THEY PLAN TO BET EVERY-THING ON THE NEXT BLOW!!

THAT TIME TOO WAS A NIGHT OF A HAZY MOON...
DO YOU REMEM-BER, WAN!!


IN THOSE DAYS, SHINKEN TEMPLE WAS IN THE HEIGHT OF A QUARREL WITH THE SAVAGE TRIBES.
IT WAS A TIME WHEN WE JUST ENROLLED AT SHINKEN TEMPLE FOR A SHORT TIME.....!!

WE, WHO HAD GONE OUT AS SPIES SO WE COULD SEARCH FOR THE ENEMY'S SITU-ATION AT THAT CHANCE, CARE-LESSLY FELL INTO A TRAP SET BY THE ENEMY AND HAD BECOME CAPTURED.

MUOO!!
UUH!!

THAT TORTURE IS CALLED CHOU-SATSU SCALE, A THING THOUGHT UP BY SEITAIGOU IN THE QING DYNASTY.

NOW THERE HASN'T EVER BEEN A PERSON WHO HAS CAUGHT IN THIS AND ENDURED IT TO THE END!

THEY'RE THE TRAINING MONKS AT THE PROUD SHINKEN TEMPLE ----!!

WAHAHA, THAT'S COM-PLETELY A GOOD FLIGHT!!

IN OTHER WORDS: IF YOU LET GO OF THE ROPE YOU'RE HOLDING, YOU WILL STRANGLE YOUR PARTNER'S NECK AND BOTH OF YOU WILL GO TO THAT WORLD!

THOSE ROPES THAT ARE BEING HELD IN YOUR MOUTHS ARE YOU AND YOUR PARTNER'S LIFE-LINES.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE MILITARY FORCE AND BATTLE ARRAYS OF YOUR SHINKEN TEMPLE ---!!

SO THEN TALK ---!!

GUFU !!

UGO !!

FUFU, ONE OF YOU WILL BE SAVED BY TELLING US FIRST!!

WELL, WHICH OF YOU WANTS YOUR LIFE---!!

AND THEN THEY SAID THIS.

THE TORTURE BEYOND IMAGINATION CONTINUED THROUGH OUT THE NIGHT.

WE BOTH BELIE VED... ...!!
BUT WE DIDN'T TALK .....!!

AND THEN, WHEN DAWN APPROAC HED.....

NOTHING WE CAN DO: WE CAN ONLY DROP THEM AND GIVE THE FINISHER TO BOTH OF THEM TOGETHER!!
CHI...WH... WHAT'S UP WITH THEM?
HEH, AREN'T THEY ALREADY DEAD?

THEY SUDDENLY TOOK OUR BLOWS.. THEY WEREN'T OUR MATCH..
WE WAITED FOR THAT MOMENT !!
AS SUCH, WE WERE RESCUED .....

WHY DID YOU TELL THAT STORY NOW!?

DO YOU REMEMBER, WAN.....

THAT'S JUST ALL .....

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I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THE PAST.

FU, I DON'T UNDERSTAND EITHER.

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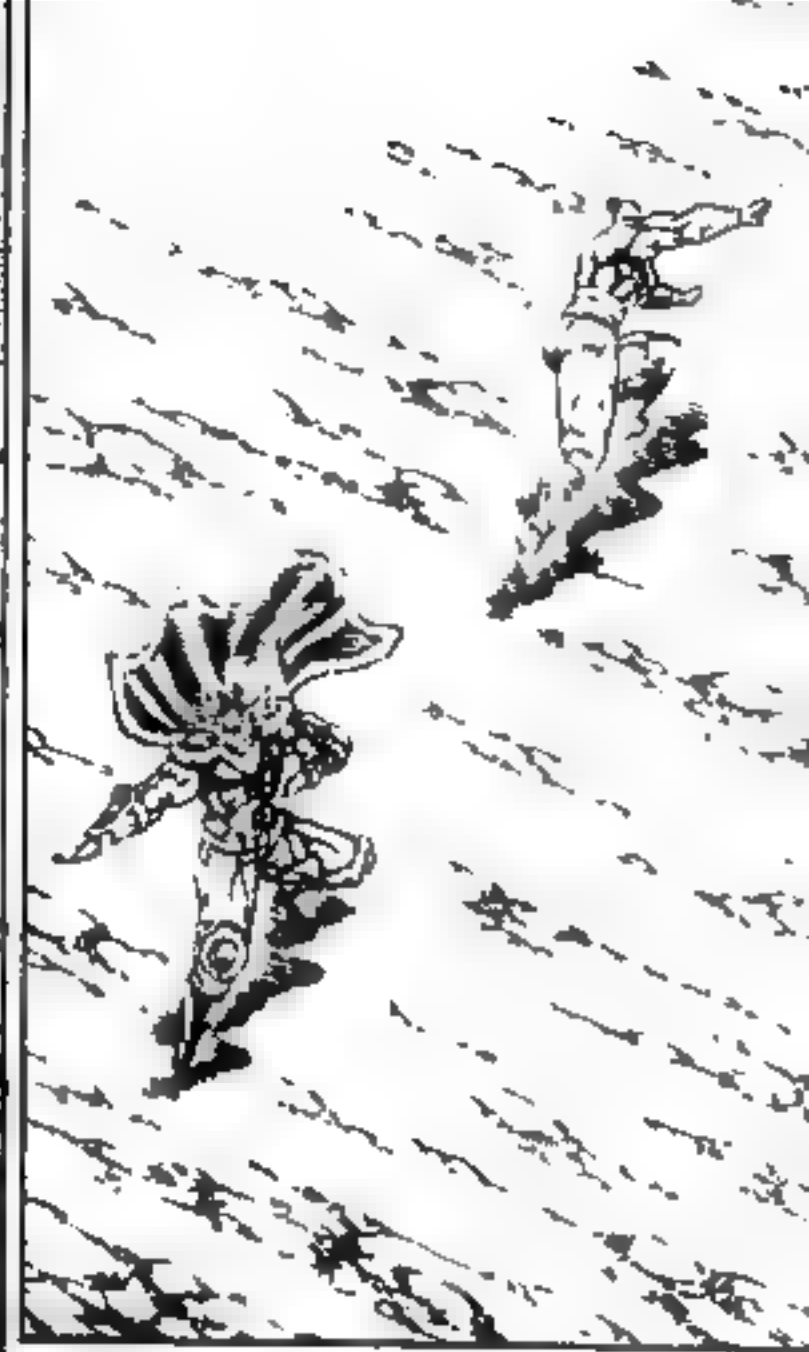
GUHA !!



WAN TAA-REN ---!!
WA... WAN TAAREN WAS KILLED ----!!

ABOUT WHY SHINKEN TEMPLE MUST FIGHT ALL OF YOU OF OTO-KOJUKU. AND ABOUT SHUNRAN.....!!

IT'S FINE EVEN IF I TALK.

IT'S COMPLETELY OVER WITH THAT.....

.....!!

THERE... WAS NOTHING I COULD DO .....!!
FOR... FORGI VE ME, WAN... ...!!

THAT'S THE REASON SHINKEN TEMPLE SUP-PORTED THEM!!

AND THEN THEY THRUSTED A CONDI-TION.
IF WE WISHED TO HAVE SHUNRAN RETURNED, WE HAD TO FIGHT OTOKOJUKU AND KILL EVERYONE .....!!

GAHA !!

HUH !!
KE... KENNOU IS--!!
MY...MY FIST MISSED YOUR VITALS, BUT YOUR FIST ACCURATELY WENT THROUGH MINE...!!
SPL... SPLENDID... ....I...I'VE LOST...!!

EVEN IN EXCHANGE OF MY LIFE, I CERTAINLY WILL RESCUE HER...!!

.....I PROMISE .....!!

GE...GET SHUNRAN FROM THEIR HANDS... .....

I...I ASK OF YOU, WAN...!!

WL...WITH THAT, I CAN DIE IN PEACE.....

RI... RIGHT .....

IT'S A FAREWELL GIFT TO THE UNDER-WORLD!!

LOOK INTO THE SKY, KENNOU.

OOH, TH...THAT'S .....!!

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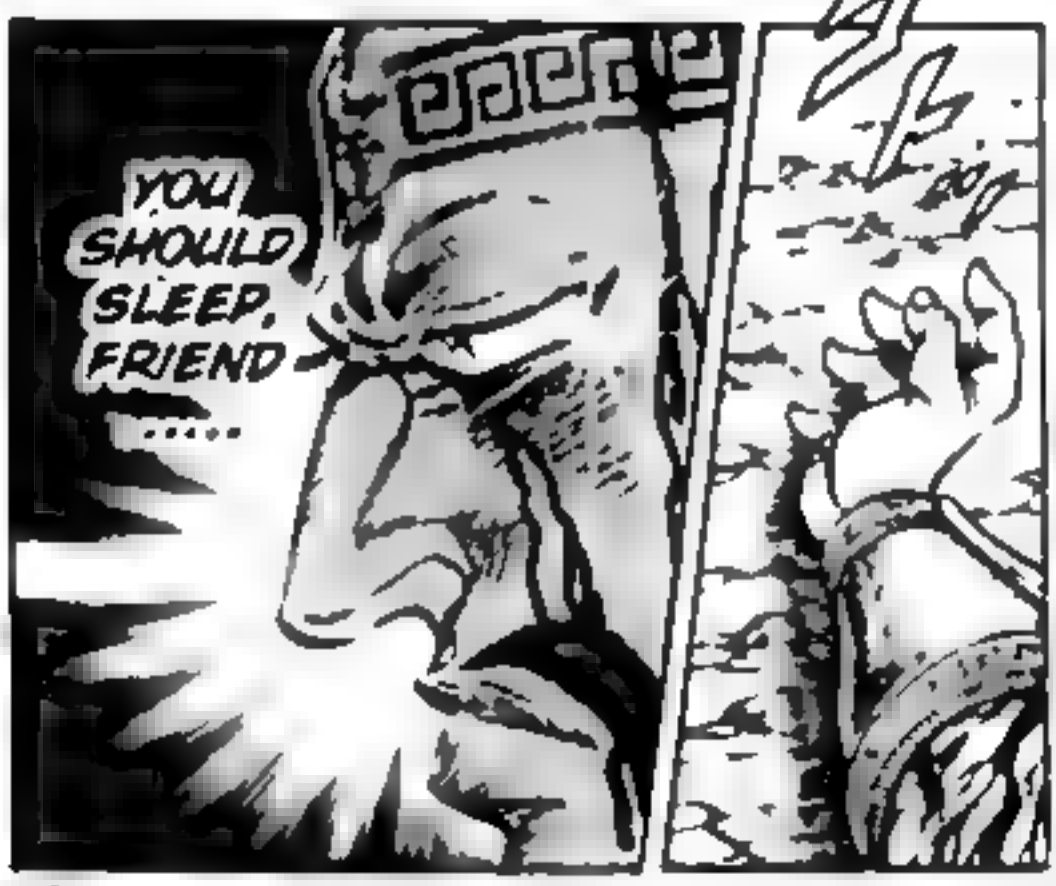
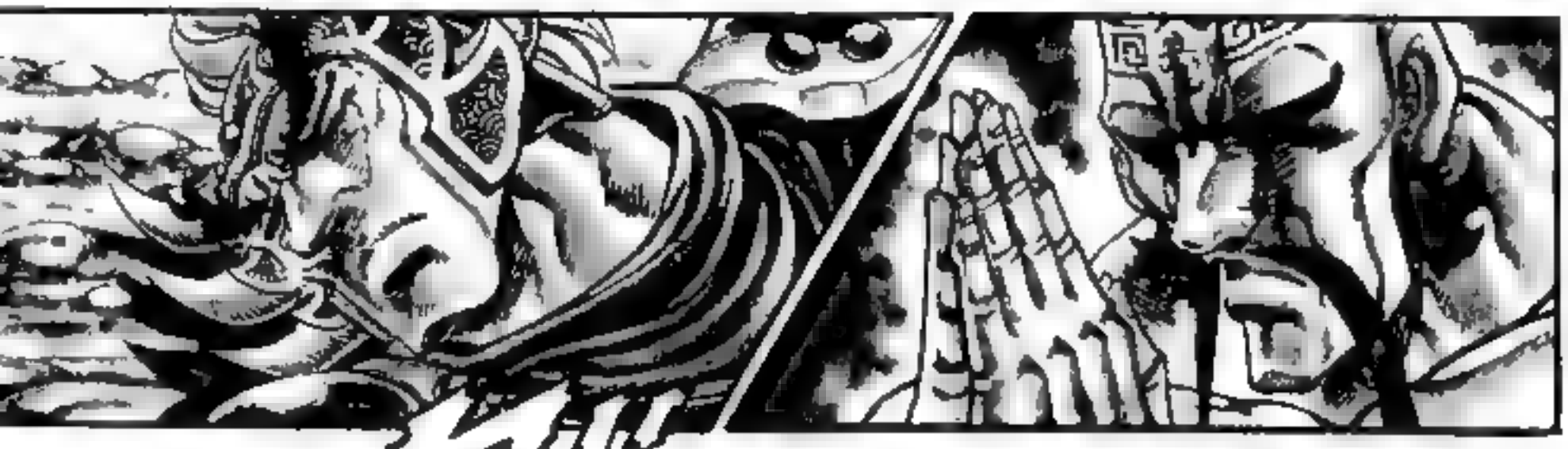
SHU . SHUNRAN !!


YOU SHOULD SLEEP, FRIEND .....

YOU . YOU WERE A TRUE FRIEND AFTER ALL.
WAN... .....

怨闘…再び!!の巻



THOSE HERETICS OF THE "DARK TUSKS"...!!
UN...FORGIVABLE...!!

KE...KENNOU HAD HIS OWN WIFE SHUNRAN TAKEN HOSTAGE AND FOUGHT WITH US SO HE COULD TAKE HER BACK.....!!
WH... WHAT IS THIS...!!

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WH... WHAT IS THAT HELICOP-TER---!!

IT...IT'S COMING TO DESCEND HERE---!!

WH... WHAT ---!!
FUFFUFU, IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GENTLEMEN OF OTOKO-JUKU!!
TH... THAT'S, IT... CAN'T BE---!!

CHANGED INTO A DEMON OF REVENGE SO I CAN KILL ALL OF YOU!!

YES: TOUDOU HYOUE HAS COME BACK FROM HELL!!

BUT THAT WON'T SETTLE MY FEELINGS.

IF I WERE TO JUST MERELY KILL ALL OF YOU, I EASILY COULD HAVE DONE IT ANYTIME.

THESE WOUNDS ARE ACHING---!!

BECAUSE THE "DARK TUSKS" ARE ONE OF MY ORGANIZATION.

THE KIDNAPPING OF EDAJIMA AND THIS "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS" WERE ALL MY DEED.

YOU'VE BETRAYED ME AND LOWERED YOURSELF TO THE CAMP GATE OF OTOKOJUKU.

FU, GOUKI. YOU'VE DONE WELL.

WE'RE NOT FATHER AND SON BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, WE'RE NOT CONNECTED BY BLOOD.

YOU TOO CAN'T LIVE!!

SO YOU CAN OBTAIN THE REMAINING THREE FLOPPY DISKS.
ALL OF YOU FROM HERE WILL SEPARATE TO THREE GROUPS AND GO TOWARDS SEVERAL DIFFERENT LANDS BY THOSE HELICOPTERS

WH... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN... ...!?
SE...SEPARA TE TO THREE GROUPS AND GO...TO DIFFERENT LANDS...!?

TAKE THIS!! THIS IS YOUR SEPARA-TION LIST.

WH... WHAT---!! SEPARA-TION LIST---!!

BUT I SAY THAT THE TRUE BATTLE OF THE "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS" IS JUST STARTING FROM HERE.
FUFFUFU, THAT WILL MAKE THE REST INTEREST-ING.
I CAN SAY THAT THE BATTLES UP TO NOW HAVEN'T SURPASSED MERE ENTER-TAINMENT!!

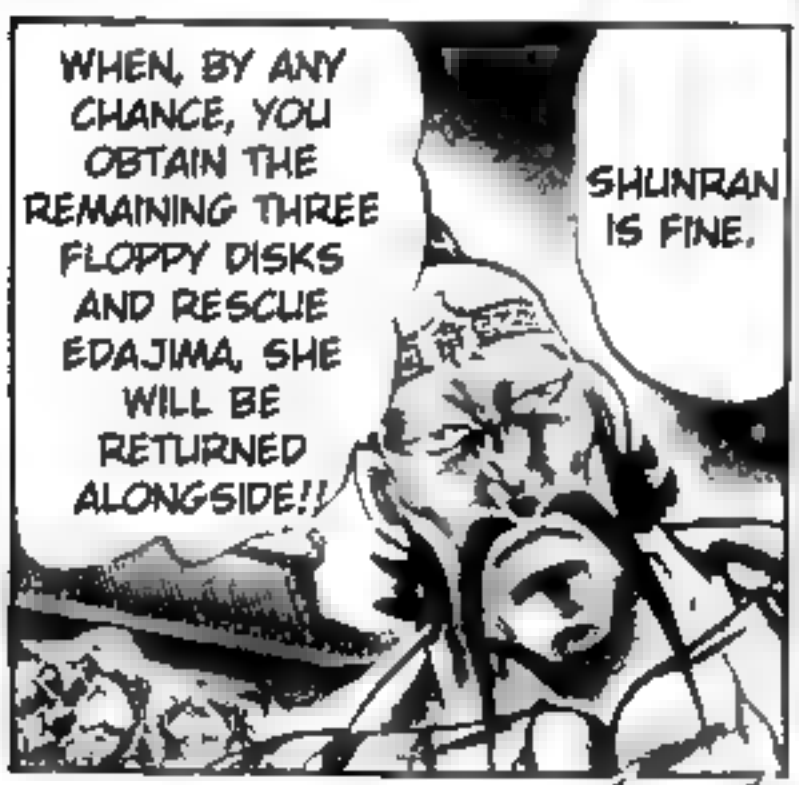
1ST GROUP:
TSURUGI MOMOTAROU
DATE OMITO
HIEN
TORAMARU RYUUJI
GOBARSKI
SOUKETSU

2ND GROUP:
J
RAIDEN
GEKKOU
TOUGOU SOUJI
SHU KOUGEN

3RD GROUP:
TOUDOU GOUKI
HAKUHOU
PHARAOH
TOU FUUKETSU
SOU REIGEN

THAT'S WAN.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I WISH FOR FORTUNES IN WAR FOR ALL OF YOU.
FU, SO THEN FAREWELL.


WHEN, BY ANY CHANCE, YOU OBTAIN THE REMAINING THREE FLOPPY DISKS AND RESCUE EDAJIMA, SHE WILL BE RETURNED ALONGSIDE!!
SHUNRAN IS FINE.

WA... WAIT, SOUKET SU!!
NUUU, HE WON'T GO BACK ALIVE!!

UWAHHAHA, THAT WILL BE ABSO-LUTELY UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

KUKU!!

AS HE SAID: THE PRINCIPAL'S LIFE IS IN HIS HANDS.

WE CAN ONLY ENDURE THIS.

UWAH HAHA ----!!

OOH, N...NOW THREE HELI-COPTERS ARE DESCENDING TOWARDS HERE----!!

AS LISTED BY INSTRUCTIONS OF TOUDOU-SAMA EARLIER, SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS!!

WELL, BOARD QUICKLY!!

OOOH---!! LET'S DO THIS --!!
WE'LL RESCUE THE PRINCIPAL, AND THIS TIME THAT OLD MAN TOUDOU WON'T REVIVE ---!!

UNDER THE FLAG OF OTOKO-JUKU!!
BUT WHEREVER WE GO, OUR HEARTS ARE ALWAYS ONE!!

ALL OF US WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN---!!
EVERY-ONE, BE WELL ---!!

I WILL GO TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU.
.....
WAN TAAREN, WHAT ABOUT YOU!?

WHERE ARE OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES GOING TO BE LEAD TO!?
IT'S BEEN ALREADY FIVE HOURS SINCE WE'VE DEPARTED SHINKEN TEMPLE...
WHERE ARE WE GOING TO BE LEAD TO THIS TIME BY THIS HELICOPTER!?

THE FOURTH FLOPPY DISK. THE SENIOR HANDED THIS TO ME BEFORE WE TOOK OFF.
TSURUGI, I HAND THIS OVER TO YOU.

RIGHT AFTER ALL OF YOU DEPARTED FROM OTOKOJUKU, I ENGAGED WITH ALL THE EFFORTS OF MY INFORMATION NETWORK AND FOUND IT OUT!!

I KNEW .....!!

DID YOU KNOW!?

THAT TOUDOU WAS THE WIRE-PULLER OF THIS "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS"!?

AT THERE, I ALREADY HAVE ON STANDBY THE BEST HELPER.

AND I KNOW OF THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF THE FIFTH TUSK WE'RE HEADED TOWARDS NOW.

TH...THE BEST HELPER .....!?

!!

FUFFUFU, I'M CERTAIN HE'S THE BEST HELPER...!!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR PLACE OF DESTINATION!! FROM NOW THE CHOPER WILL BE ENTERING OUR LANDING ORDERS!!

I AM INFORMING ALL STUDENT OF OTOKOJUKU!!

!!
WH...WHAT, TH...THIS IS---!!

A...CASTLE .....!!

A...AND, IT'S JAPAN .....!!

OF COURSE!! THIS HERE IS CER-TAINLY JAPAN!!

FUFU, YOU HAVE THAT STUPID MUG AS EVER, TORAMARU.

DID...YOU SAY HERE IS JAPAN...!?

IT... CAN'T BE!!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE. IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN MY NAME!!
HUH!!
TO...TO... TOGASHI! TOGASHI GENJI ----!!
Y... YOU'RE ----!!

TO... TOGASHI .....
A...ARE YOU REALLY THAT TOGASHI .....!?
迷宮・武幻城!!の巻
I'M THE GENUINE OTO-KOJIKU SECOND-YEAR, TOGASHI GENJI!!!
HEH, ARE THERE ANY OTHER GOOD GUYS WITH THE NAME OF TOGASHI!?

TO... TOGA SHI --!!

TO... TORA MARU !!

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BUGEN CASTLE!!

迷宮(めいきゅう)!!武幻城(ぶげんじょう)!!の巻

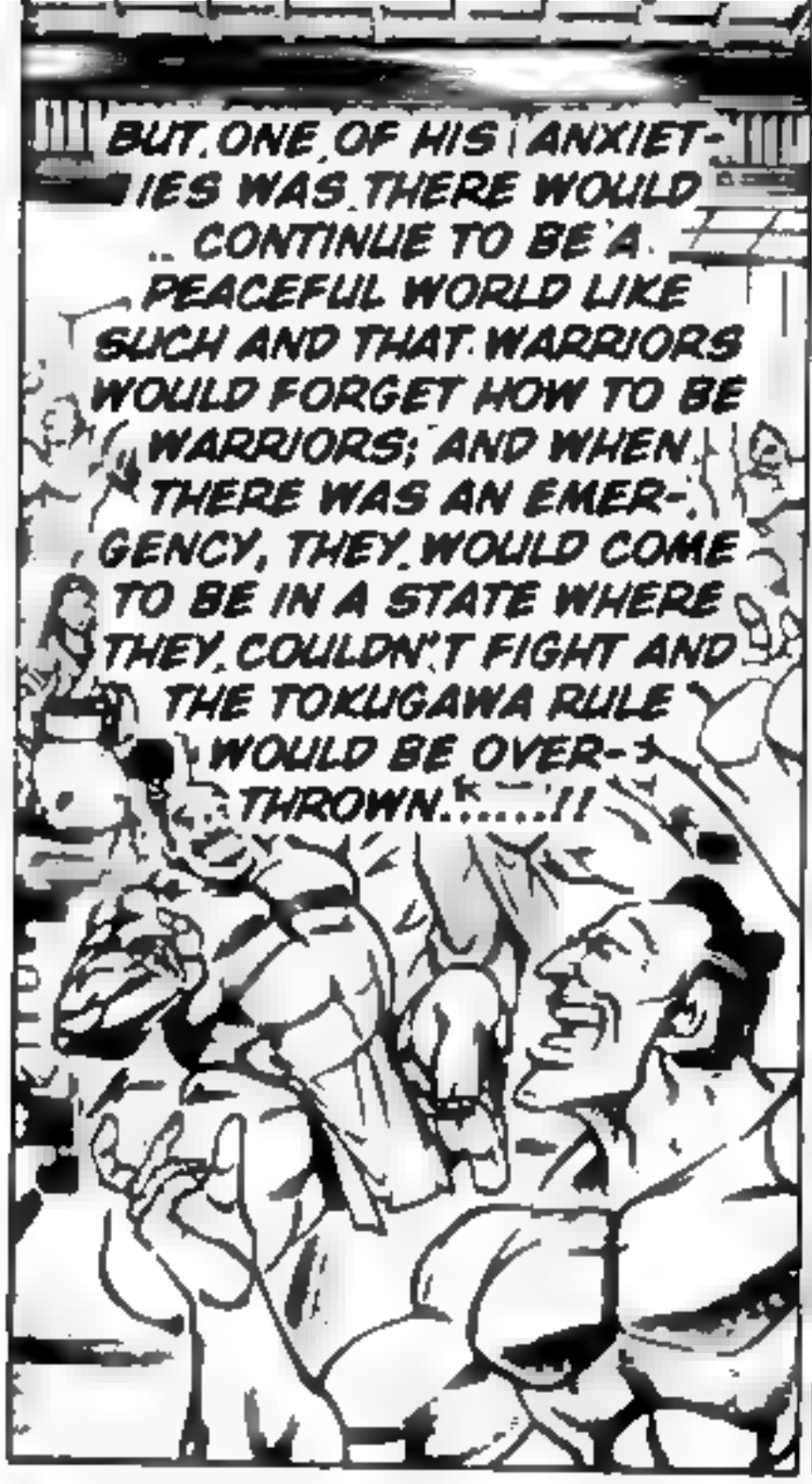
YES. ALL OF YOU HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT YOU WERE LEFT WITH BY EDAJIMA-DONO.

RIGHT..... WAN TAAREN, YOU DID SAVE TOGASHI..... ...!!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU ALL LEFT OTOKOJUKU, I TOO DEPARTED FROM BEHIND AND WATCHED OVER ALL OF YOU FROM THE SHADOWS.

(TN: WAIT...THEN WHY WAS HE AT OTOKOJUKU AFTER THE FIRST TUSK?)

BEFORE I LEAVE, I WILL EXPLAIN ABOUT THIS CASTLE!!
THE NAME OF THIS CASTLE IS BUGEN CASTLE; IT'S ALIAS THE TOKUGAWA URAAOI MILITARY CASTLE.
IT WAS THE HIDDEN CASTLE SAID TO BE BUILT BY TOKUGAWA IEYASU, THE FAMOUS ADMIRAL FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
TO... TOKUGAWA IEYASU .....!? HI..HIDDEN CASTLE..!?


BUT, ONE OF HIS ANXIETIES WAS THERE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A PEACEFUL WORLD LIKE SUCH AND THAT WARRIORS WOULD FORGET HOW TO BE WARRIORS; AND WHEN THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY, THEY WOULD COME TO BE IN A STATE WHERE THEY COULDN'T FIGHT AND THE TOKUGAWA RULE WOULD BE OVERTHROWN.....!!

AT THE TIME HE OPENED THE TOKUGAWA BAKUFU, HE PREDICTED THEIR RULE WOULD CONTINUE FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
THE MAN CALLED IEYASU WAS A WISE MAN WHO POSSESSED FORESIGHT ...!!

AND THUS THESE MASTERS PILED UPON FURTHER TRAINING AT THIS CASTLE, IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS UP THROUGH THE GENERATIONS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS; THEY ALWAYS MOVED IN SECRET AS THE TOKUGAWA BAKUFU'S BATTLE CORP. OF THE STRONGEST SHADOWS.
IT WAS THERE THAT IEYASU SENT DOWN A SECRET ORDER TO THE DAIMYO OF VARIOUS FEUDAL CLANS, HAD THEM PRESENT ONLY EXPERTS WHO HAD MASTERED SECRETS FROM ALL STYLES OF GRAPPLING, SWORDSMANSHIP AND NINJUTSU, AND GATHERED THEM AT THIS BUGEN CASTLE.

SO, YOU CAN SAY, THIS BUGEN CASTLE IS THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF JAPAN'S MARTIAL ARTS.

AND NOW, THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE AWAITING US WITHIN.

THEIR DESCEN-DANTS... ...!!

THE... HEADQUAR-TERS OF JAPAN'S MARTIAL ARTS...!!

EVEN IN THE PRESENT, THEIR POWER IS NEEDED!!

SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, THERE ARE THOSE WHO WISH FOR THIS POWER TO MAKE THEIR OWN!!

WHY DO THEY CONTINUE TO DO IT TO LIVING THERE EVEN AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BAKUFU!?

BUT WHY, WAN TAAREN.

FAREWELL !!

AS TOUDOU SAID, THE TUSKS UP TO NOW HAVE ONLY PASSED UP TO MERE SIDE-SHOW LEVEL!!
FINALLY, I WILL SAY JUST ONE THING
ALL OF YOU FROM HERE WILL COME TO KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF THE WORDS "THE ULTIMATE TERROR"!!

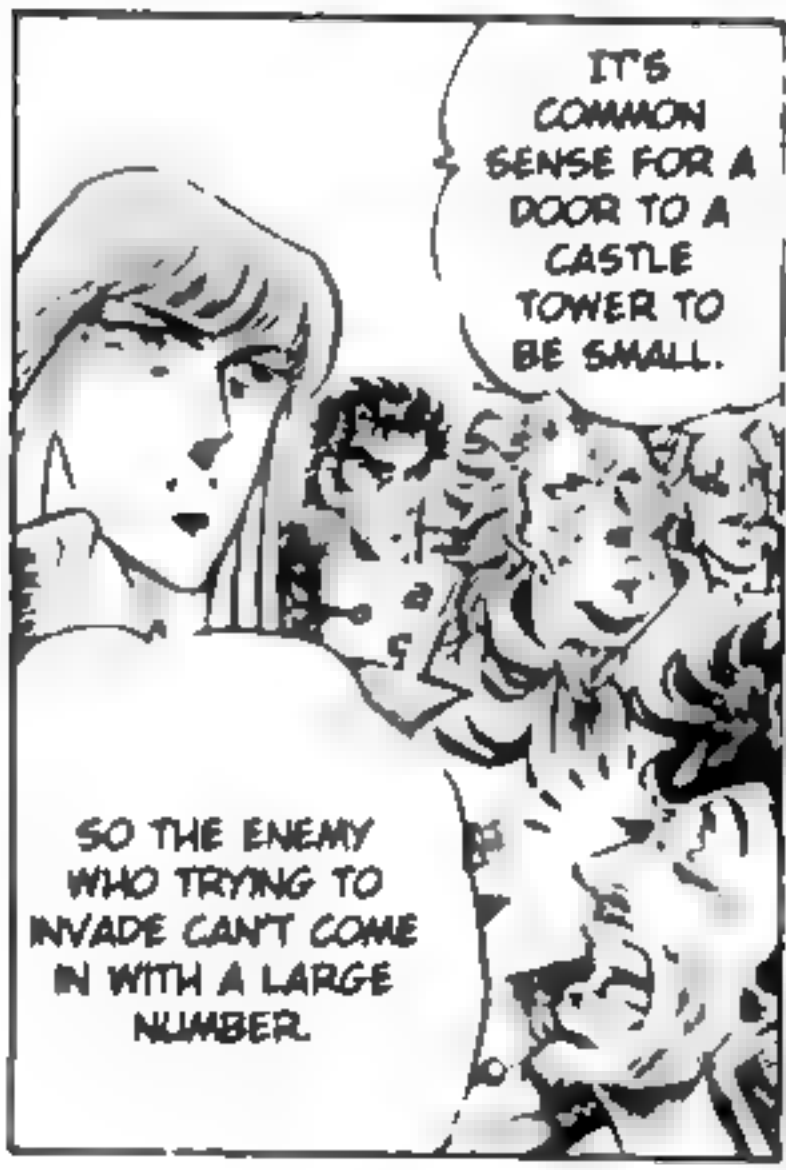
HEY, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF HE HADN'T SAID THAT THING AT SOME FAREWELL OCCASION.
CHI, THAT WAN TAAREN GUY, SAID UNNEC-ESSARY THING .

THAT WAS A THOUGHT FOR US.
FU, DON'T SAY THAT.

!!

WE SHOULD GO TOO!!
YOU DUMMY!! DON'T BRING OUT THAT TRIFLING JEST!!
HAHA, THIS HERE IS A SUNLIT EDO TOWN.

HERE IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE CASTLE TOWER.

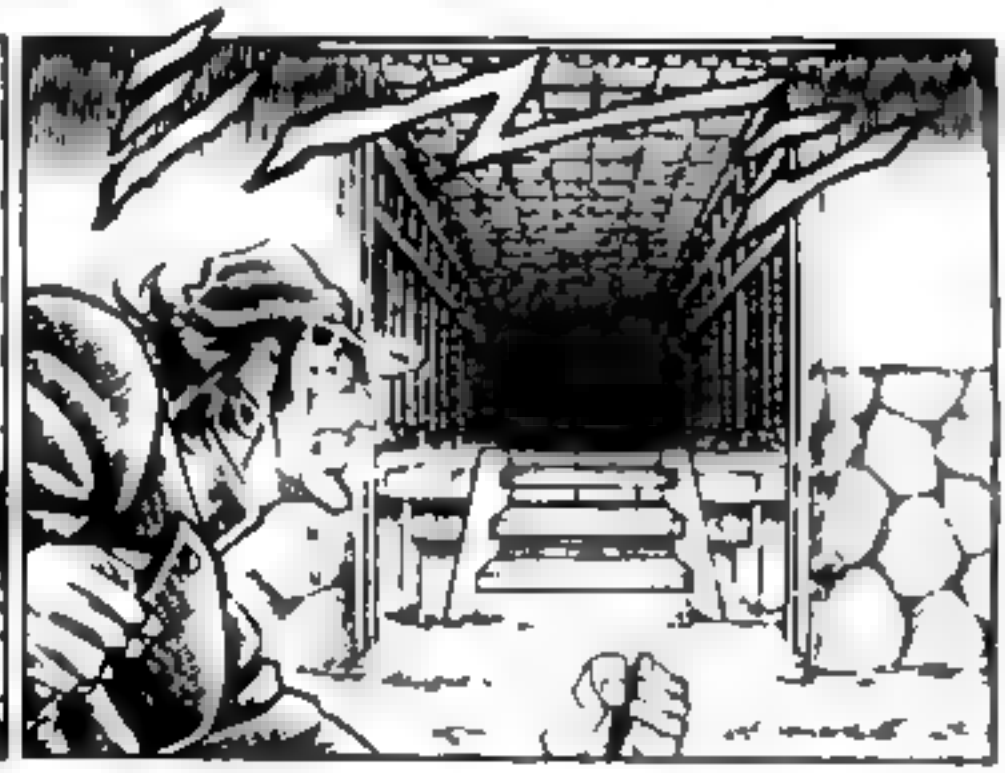


ORYAA---!! THIS IS THE PRES-CENCE OF THE OTOKO-JUKU SEVEN ---!!

GET YOUR STOMACH TOGETHER AND COME ON OUT ----!!

AL-RIGHT, I'LL MAKE A SPEECH.

HM--PH, UNDER-STOOD.



IN THAT CASE, WE'LL ENTER AS WE PLEASE ----!!

HEY---NO ONE IS HERE---!!

THE "NIGHTINGALE FLOOR" OR "UGUISUBARI" IS AN ACTUAL FLOOR MADE TO HAVE A CHIRPING FLOOR WHENEVER WALKED ON. THEY ARE SET UP FOR FLOORING NAILS TO RUB AGAINST A JACKET OR A CLAMP WHEN STEPPED ON, MAKING A CHIRPING SOUND. USING AS A SECURITY MEASURE IT IS MOST FAMOUS IN THE NIJO CASTLE IN KYOUKO. INCIDENTALLY, WHAT THEY CONSIDER A NIGHTINGALE IS IN ACTUALLY SEEN IN ENGLISH AS THE "JAPANESE BUSH WARBLER"

TN: "MEIKOKU CORRIDOR" OR "MEIKOKU KAIROU" = "SKILLFULLY-PERPLEXING CORRIDOR"

A "KARAKURI DOLL" OR "KARAKURI NINGYOU" ARE POPULAR PUPPETS OR AUTOMATA FROM THE 17TH TO 19TH CENTUR, WHICH IS GENERALLY A SMALL DOLL USED TO SERVE TEA IN A TEA CEREMONY

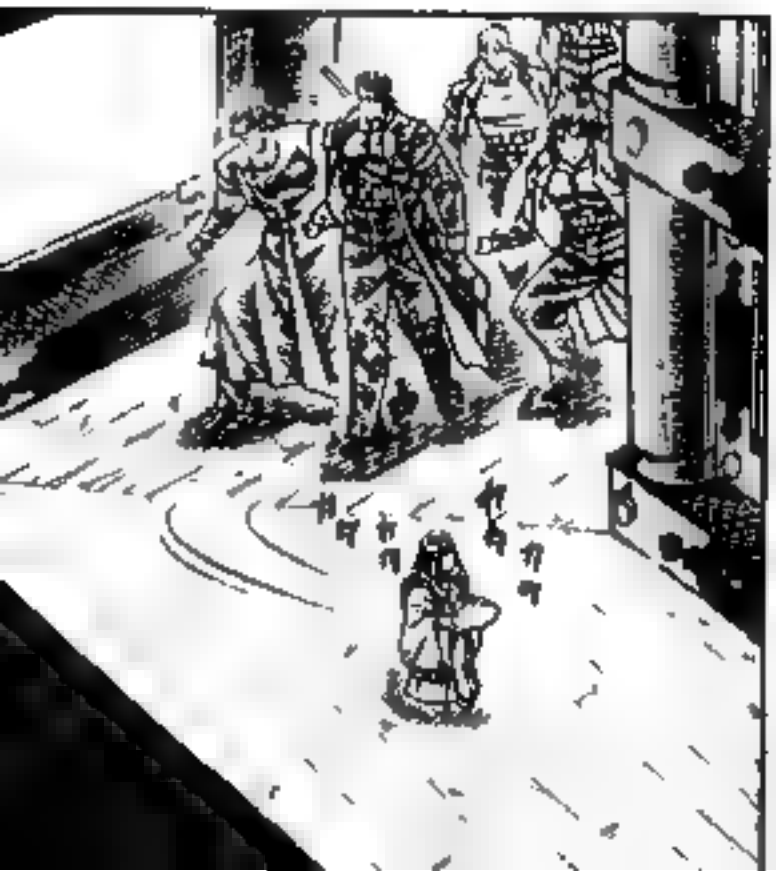
!!

WH...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN THERE!?

O... "ON THIS SPRING DAY - WHEN THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOM - IN THE VIVID SKY - THE BODIES OF SEVEN YOUTHS - SHALL NOW BE SCATTERED AWAY"---

ひさかたの
桜のどけき春の日に
七人の若
男の散るらむ

TN: THE PAGE IS THE EXACT SAME AS WHAT TORAMARU STATED HERE; BTW: I ASSUME THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN A TANKA FORM SINCE THE SYLLABLES ARE FOR THE MOST PART 5 -7 ? 5- 7- 7, BUT IT ENDED UP BEING "5 - 7 - 5 - 7 - 6"?



OOH, THE... WALL HAS OPENED ---!!

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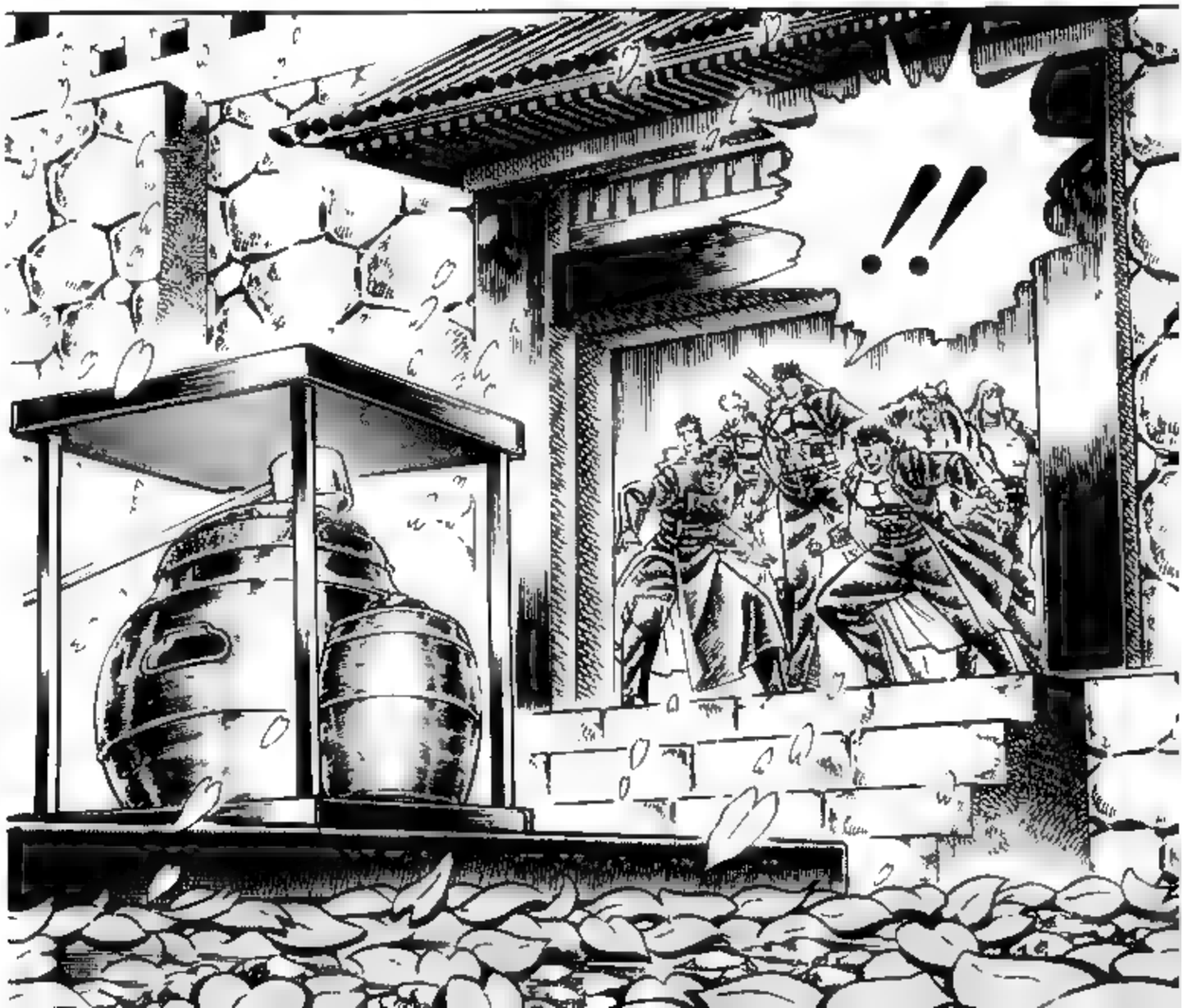
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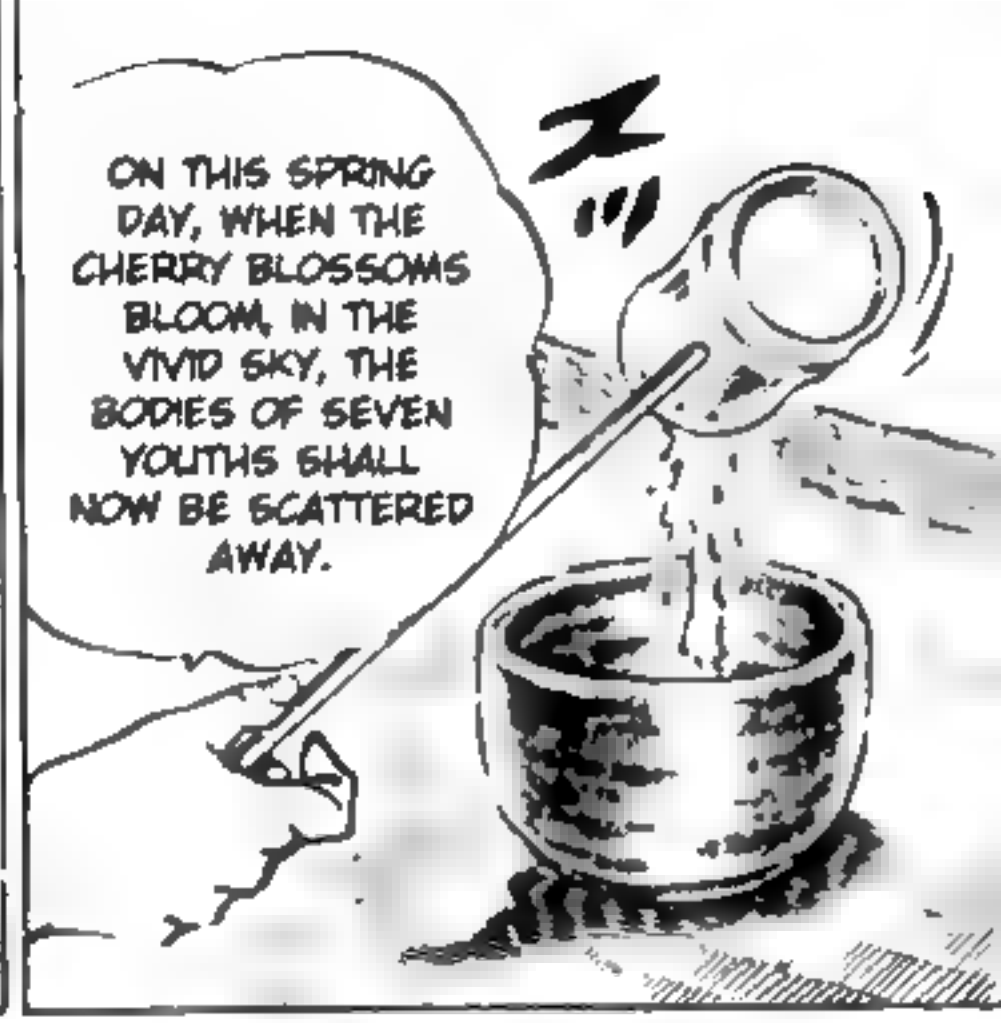

ON THIS GLORIOUS SPRING DAY PRIDED FOR THE BLOOMING OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS, AT ANY RATE SEVEN YOUNG MEN SHALL HURRY TO THEIR DEATHS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THAT IS AN ITEM COMPOSED OF YOUR DESTINIES FROM HERE.

THIS SNOW-STORM OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS WILL BE CHANGED INTO DEEP CRIMSON, THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD...!!

MY NAME IS YUKINOJOU, ONE OF THE BUGEN CASTLE FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS!!

EXCEL-LENT---!! SHOULDN'T WE DO THIS TO THE END---!!

WH...WHAT; THAT SNOBBISH GUY IS SIPPING ON TEA---!!

BUGEN CASTLE FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS .....!?

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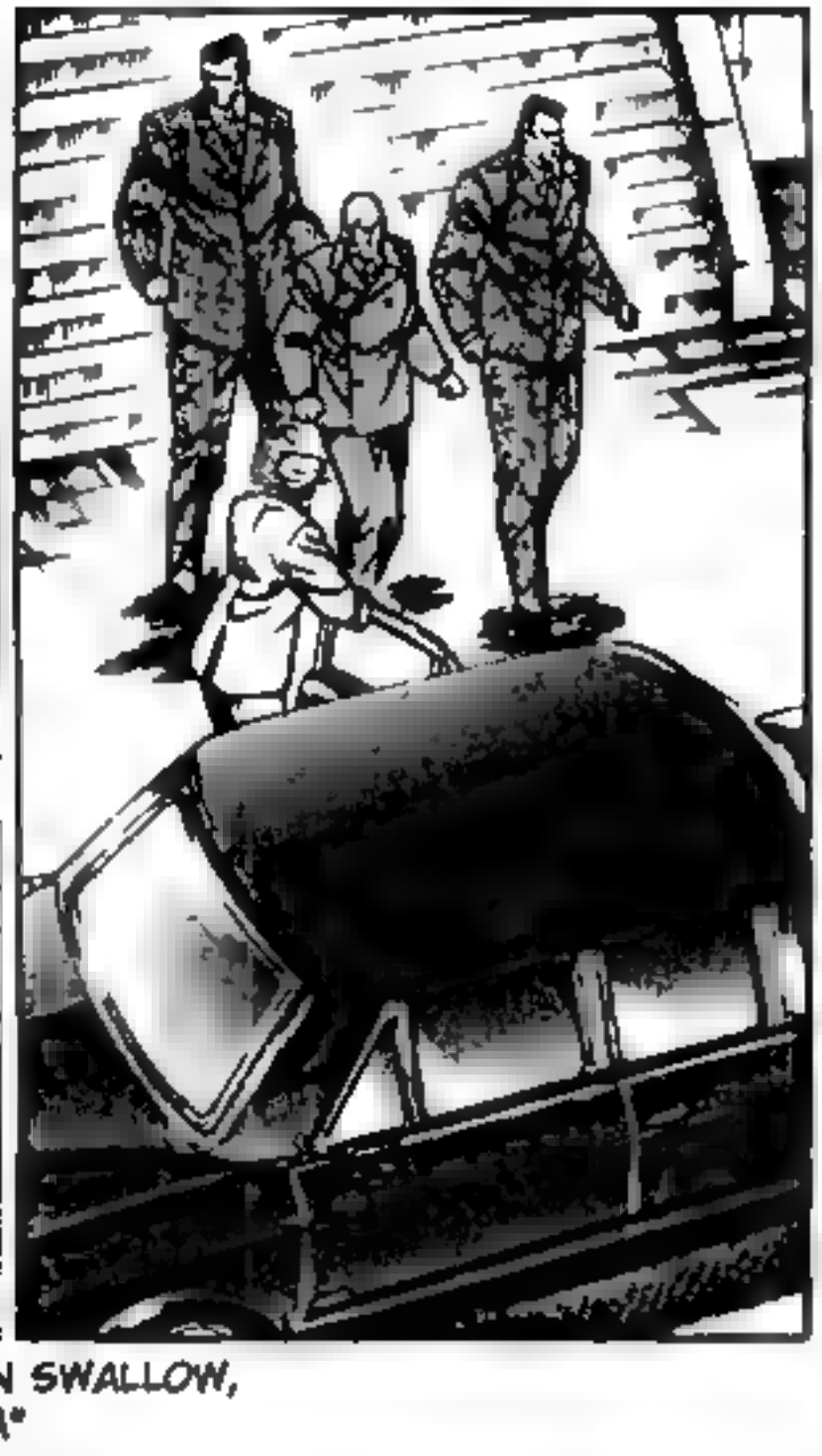

67 TN: THE SWALLOW HERE REFERS TO THE BARN SWALLOW, ALSO KNOWN AS "HIRUNDO RUSTICA"

THEY HAVEN'T ABANDONED TOKYO YET.

IT'S FIXING UP A NEST RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY WITH ITS DIRTIED AIR.

TN: "SP" REFERS TO THE SECURITY POLICE", A CLOSE PROTECTION UNIT USED TO PROTECT VIP ON THEIR SOIL AKIN TO THE US SECRET SERVICE

QU...QUICKLY CALL AN AMBU-LANCE----!!

N...NO, IT'S A HEART ATTACK ----!!

HAS GOTTEN YOUR LIFE .....!!

SHIKIBU, ONE OF BUGEN CASTLE'S FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS,

FUFU, YOU WON'T NEED AN AMBU-LANCE.

HE IS ALREADY DEAD!!

THE TASK WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT DELAY.

RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A CONTACT FROM SHIKIBU.

WE HAVE A REPORT FOR THE LORD OF THE CASTLE!!

TN: THE "LORD OF THE CASTLE" IS ACTUALLY "OYAKATA-SAMA", WHICH I [illegible] IS REALLY HIS NAME AT THIS POINT. "OYATAKA" IS JAPANESE FOR "CASTLE SAMA"

WELL... ..... THAT IS JUSTICE .....!!

CHP. 300: THE BEWITCHED SWORD: SHIRANUI!!

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IN ANY SORT OF WORLD, THE GOVERNORS OF THE TIMES WILL CERTAINLY NEED OUR POWER.

AFTER ALL, POLITICS AND VIOLENCE ARE INSEPARABLE AS TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN .....!!

THEY'VE ARRIVED AND BEING WELCOMED BY YUKINOJOU, ONE OF THE BUGEN CASTLE FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS.

FUFU, THEY'RE HELPLESS GUYS.

THEY SURELY ARE HAVE THE WORST LUCK...!!

THOSE ARE THE PARTY CALLED OTOKO-JUKU?

YES.

WHAT IS THAT IDIOT SAYING ----!!
RI...RIGHT: EVEN IF HE DIDN'T SAY IT SEEMING LIKE HE WAS A SNOB, IT'S AT RIGHT NOW----!!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO HURRY TO YOUR DEATH.
HOW ABOUT SOME TEA!?

WH...WHAT ARE YOU THINKING--!! THERE MAY BE POISON IN IT----!!

FU

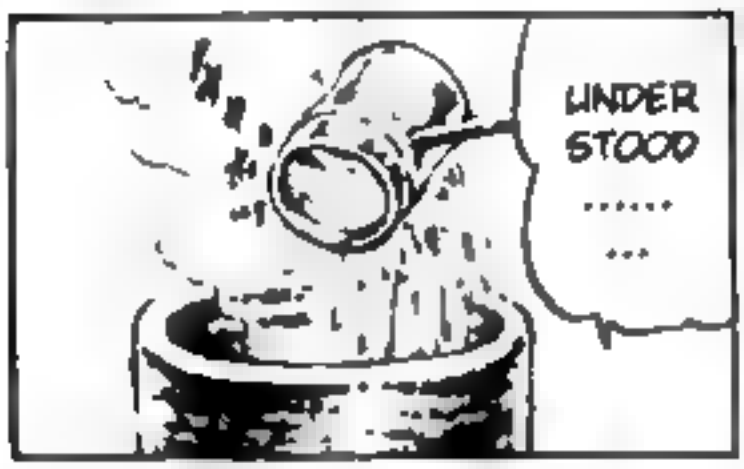
FU, THAT'S JUST FINE. I AM THIRSTY.
MO... MOMO ----!!

IT'S AN ITEM LEFT TO ME BY A DEAD SENPAI.

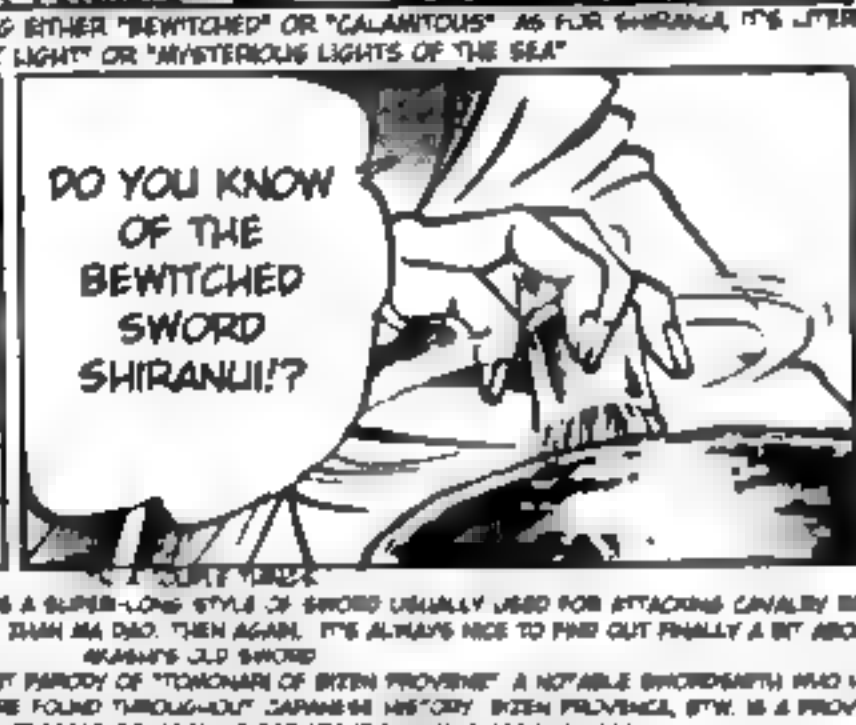
I DON'T KNOW ITS ORIGIN.

SOMEHOW IT SEEMS LIKE A ZANBATOU THAT WAS USED IN BATTLE MADE BY TOMOYASU OF BIZEN PROVINCE.

HOO, YOU POSSESS A CONSIDERABLY GREAT SWORD.

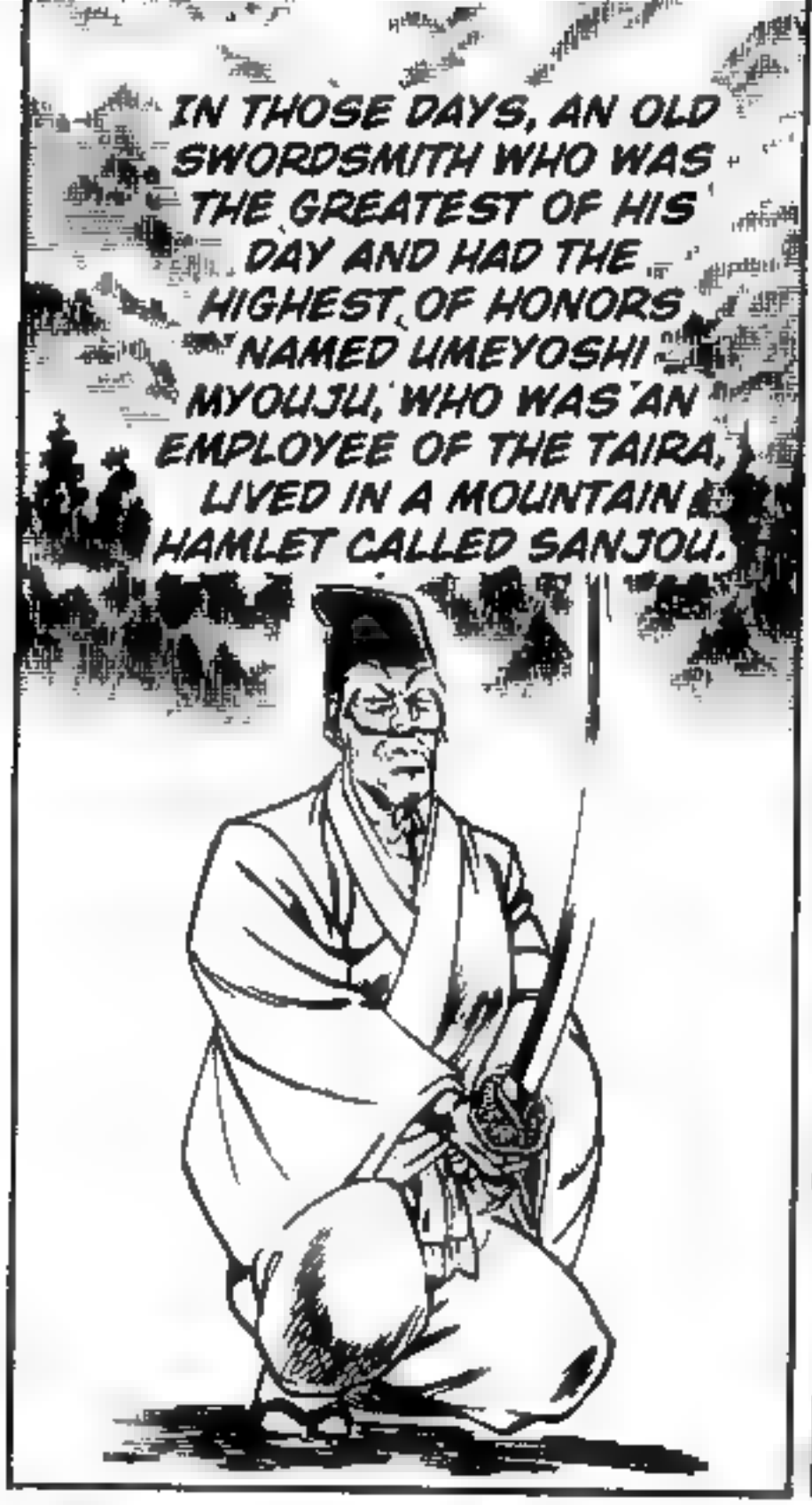


THE THE "BEWITCHED SWORD" IS IN JAPANESE "YOU"OU" WITH "YOU" BEING EITHER "BEWITCHED" OR "CALAMITOUS" AS FOR SHIRANUI, IT'S LITERALLY A JAPANESE WORD FOR "PHOSPHORESCENT LIGHT" OR "MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OF THE SEA"

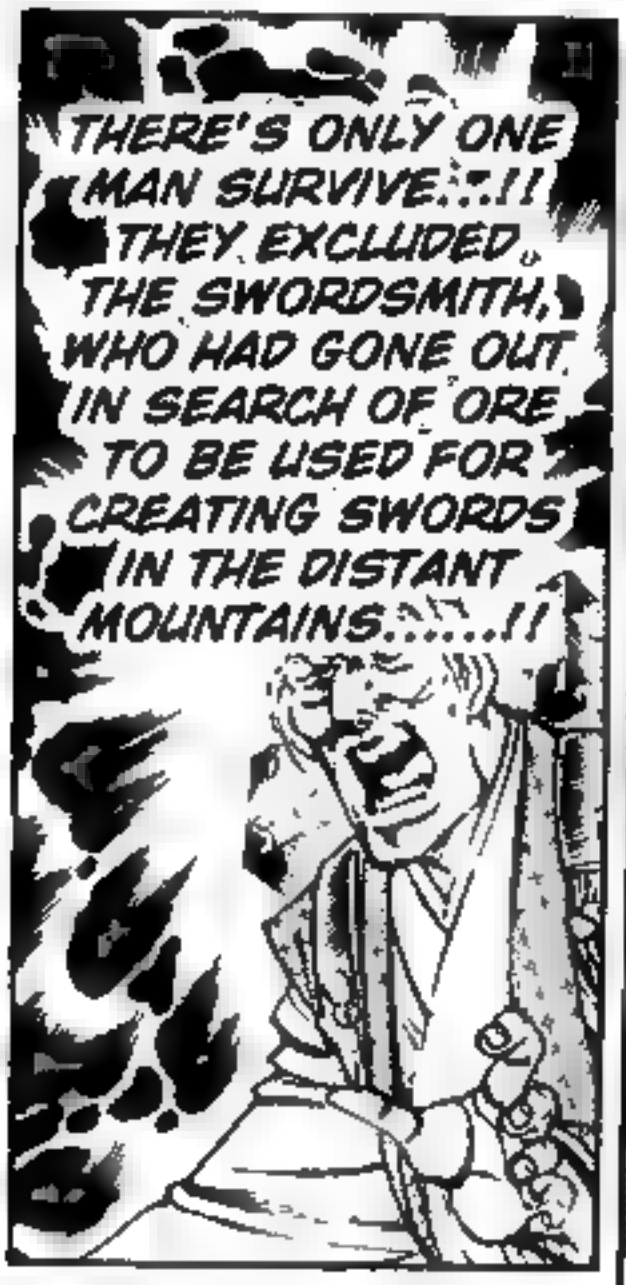


-A "ZANBATOU" OR "HORSE-SLAYING SWORD" IS A SUPER-LONG STYLE OF SWORD USUALLY USED FOR ATTACKING CAVALRY RIDERS. ANON TO A CHINESE WEAPON KNOWN AS THE ZHAN MA DAO. THEN AGAIN, IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO FIND OUT FINALLY A BIT ABOUT AKAMA'S OLD SWORD

-"TOMOYASU OF BIZEN PROVINCE" IS A SLIGHT PARODY OF "TOMONARI OF BIZEN PROVINCE" A NOTABLE SWORDSMITH WHO HAD CREATED SEVERAL NOTABLE SWORDS THAT ARE FOUND THROUGHOUT JAPANESE HISTORY. BIZEN PROVINCE, BTW, IS A PROVINCE IN MODERN OKAYAMA PREFECTURE NOTABLE FOR ITS IRON AND SWORD-MAKING


IN THOSE DAYS, AN OLD SWORDSMITH WHO WAS THE GREATEST OF HIS DAY AND HAD THE HIGHEST OF HONORS NAMED UMEYOSHI MYOUJU, WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TAIRA, LIVED IN A MOUNTAIN HAMLET CALLED SANJOU.

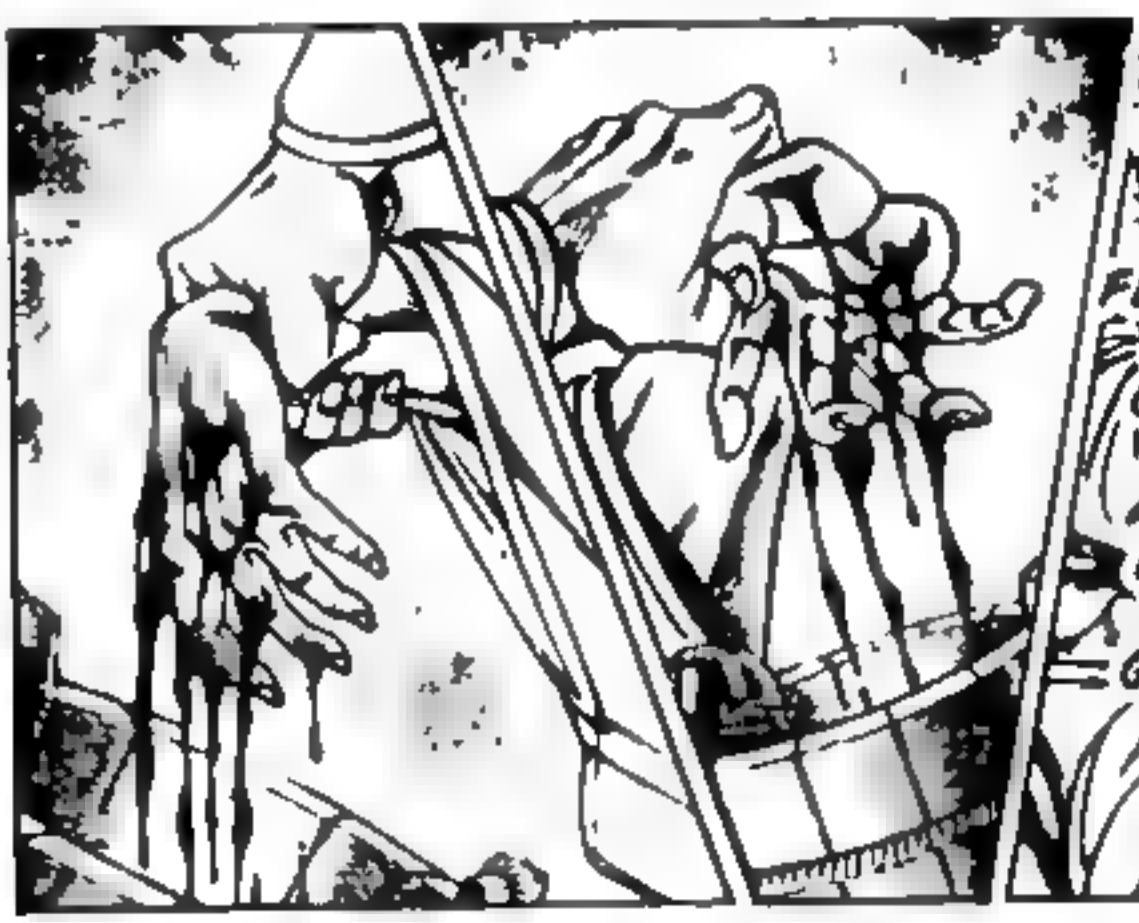
THE SWORD WAS MADE ABOUT 800 YEARS BEFORE TODAY, BEFORE THE EXISTENCE OF THE KAMAKURA BAKUFU WHERE THE TAIRA AND MINAMOTO SPLIT THE WORLD IN TWO AND FOUGHT.

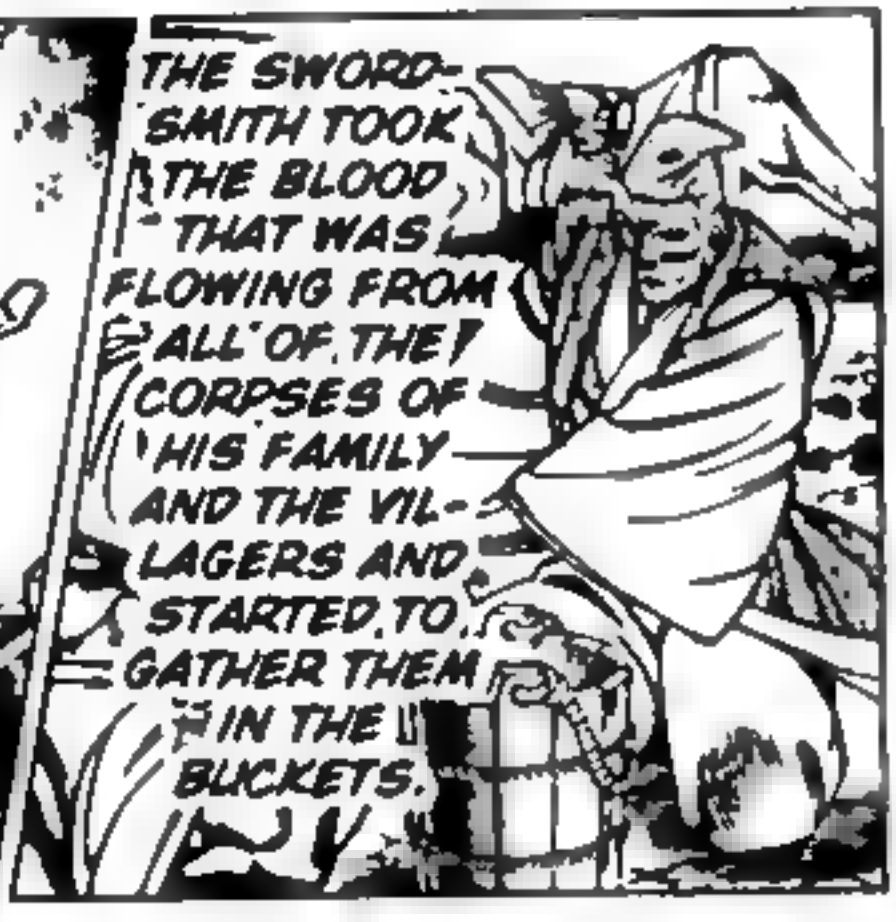

THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN SURVIVE.....!! THEY EXCLUDED THE SWORDSMITH, WHO HAD GONE OUT IN SEARCH OF ORE TO BE USED FOR CREATING SWORDS IN THE DISTANT MOUNTAINS.....!!

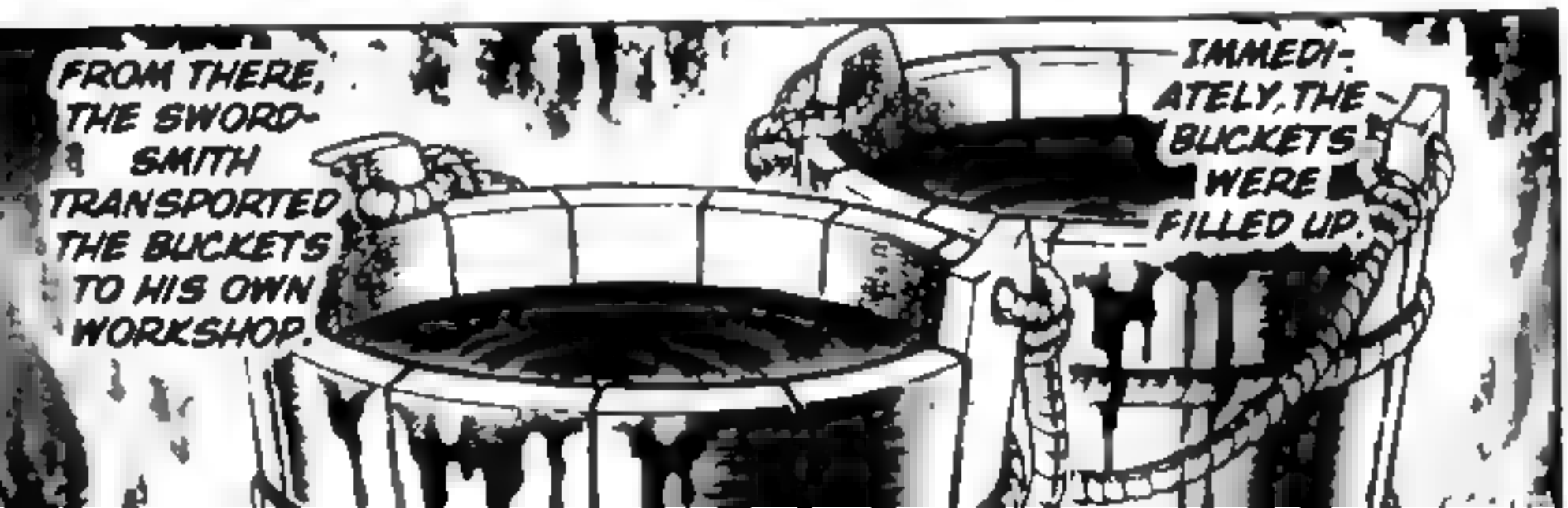
BUT ONE DAY, THAT TOWN WAS INVADED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE MINAMOTO, WITH IT AS LAND RELATED TO THE TAIRA.
THEY CAME TO KILL EVERY PERSON IN THE TOWN, EVEN DOWN TO THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN BOTH HIS HANDS WERE POSSESSED LARGE WATER BUCKETS.....
AND THUS, WHEN NIGHT CAME, THE SWORD-SMITH STOOD UP.

HIS BELOVED WIFE, SON AND GRAND-CHILDREN.....
THE SWORD-SMITH'S DESPAIR AND ANGER AT THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE ALL BEING KILLED WAS A TREMENDOUS.




THE SWORD-SMITH TOOK THE BLOOD THAT WAS FLOWING FROM ALL OF THE CORPSES OF HIS FAMILY AND THE VILLAGERS AND STARTED TO GATHER THEM IN THE BUCKETS.


FROM THERE, THE SWORD-SMITH TRANSPORTED THE BUCKETS TO HIS OWN WORKSHOP.
IMMEDIATELY, THE BUCKETS WERE FILLED UP.

THE OLD SWORD-SMITH CONTINUED TO STRIKE IT PUTTING IN ALL OF HIS OWN BODY AND SPIRIT.

AS YOU KNOW, SWORDS ARE OBJECTS THAT FUSE A UNIQUE RAW IRON TAKEN FROM A CERTAIN ORE, USE FIRE AND WATER, AND ARE PREPARED INTO A SHAPE WITH AN IRON HAMMER.

THE BLOOD OF THE MASS OF HIS FAMILY AND VILLAGERS THAT DIED AMIDST THE PAIN OF THEIR HELL OF TERROR AND REGRET.....!!

THE SWORD-SMITH USED THE BLOOD HE GATHERD IN PLACE OF WATER.

HE GRASPED TIGHTLY TO THAT ONE SWORD IN HIS HAND...

AND THEN, HE DIED IN THAT PLACE.

WHEN HE REACHED THE MORNING OF THE 7TH DAY, THE SWORD-SMITH EMERGED FROM THE WORKSHOP.

FOR DECADES AFTER, IT CAME TO BE THE SOURCE OF THE FALL OF THE MINAMOTO. WHEN MINAMOTO-NO-SANETOMO, THE 3RD GENERATION SHOGUN, WAS ASSASSINATED BY THE SCHEME OF HOUJOU YOSHITOKI, THE SWORD IN THE HAND OF "KUGYOU", THE NEPHEW OF SANETOMO THAT LOPPED OFF HIS HEAD WAS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS SHIRANUI...!!
THAT IS THE BEWITCHED SWORD SHIRANUI .....!!
BUT THE SWORDSMITH FULFILLED HIS REVENGE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT PASSED INTO HIS HANDS.

SO THEN, WHAT CAME OF THAT SWORD AFTER THAT!?

FUFU, INTEREST-ING...!!

HOW WAS THAT!?

THAT SWORD WAS ALWAYS THERE WITHIN THE SHADOWS OF BLOOD-STENCHED HISTORY.

IN A CERTAIN ERA, IT WAS SAID TO BE POSSESSED BY ODA NOBUNAGA; IN ANOTHER ERA, IT WAS POSSESSED BY A SHOGUN SAID TO BE A HOMICIDAL MANIAC...

AND THE ONE WHO POSSESSES THIS SWORD THEMSELVES CHANGES INTO A DEVIL.

AN APPARITION LURKS WITHIN THE SWORD, WHICH HAS ABSORBED MUCH BLOOD.

IT'S A LIE, A "LIE". THAT WAS A FABLE FOR ALL OF YOU.

GAHHAHA, WHAT ARE YOU ALL SCARED OF----!!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT A DEVILISH POWER WOULD EXIST IN THIS WORLD---!!

I...I HAD SO...SOME CHILL COME TO ME .....!!

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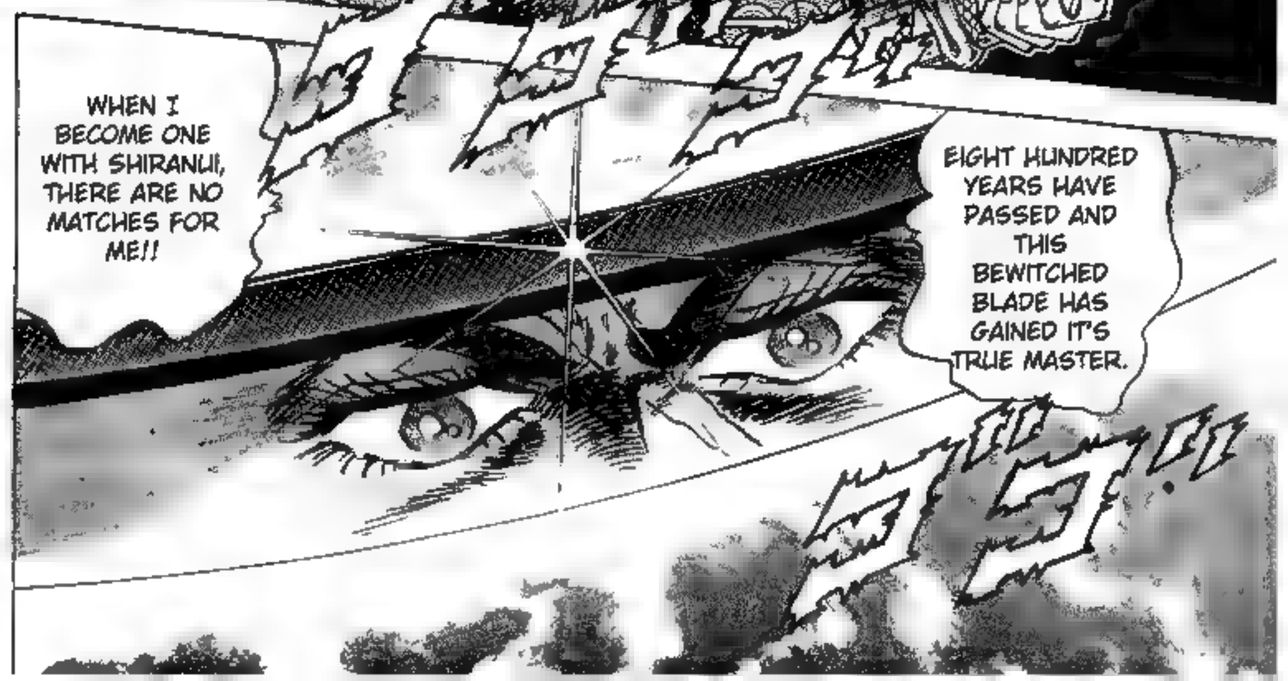
BUT THE BEWITCHED BLADE SHIRANUI IS NOW IN MY HANDS!!



SHIRANUI IS CRYING IN WANTING TO SUCK YOUR BLOOD.

NOW, YOU SHOULD BE READY!!

TH...THOUGH IT HASN'T CUT ANYTHING, BLOOD IS DRIPPING AND FALLING FROM THE BLADE ----!!

BL... BLOOD ---!!

THANKS FOR THE TREAT.

THAT SWORD WON'T SUCK MY BLOOD.
THAT'S BECAUSE MY BLOOD IS TOO HOT AND IT WILL BECOME BURNED!!
SHOW HIM, SHIRANUI!!
YOUR GRAND DEVILISH-NESS!!

FUFU, I WILL SHOW YOU
THE GRAND DEVILISH-NESS OF THE BEWITCHED SWORD SHIRANUI!!

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CHP. 301: CURSE OF THE BLOODY SWORD!!

GAHHAHA! YOU STILL SAYING THAT THING AND BEING FRIGHTENED OF IT!!
GO... GOBARSKI ---!!

E...EVEN THOUGH IT HASN'T CUT ANYTHING YET, BLOOD IS COMING OUT FROM THE BLADE.
I... DON'T BELIEVE THIS... ...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT THERE CAN BE A BEWITCHED SWORD POSSESSED BY THE SOULS OF PEOPLE IN NOWDAY WHERE HUMANS HAVE EVEN FLOWN TO SPACE IN A SPACE SHUTTLE!!
THAT THING IS A FAKE!! THERE'S SOME TRICK TO IT!!
GAHHAHA, THAT GUY IS A MAJOR FRAUD!!

YEAH--!!

FU, IN THAT CASE, HOW ABOUT IF YOU COME CLOSER AND YOU CHECK IT?

FU, THIS MATCH WILL HAVE A BREAK FOR THE MOMENT.
.....!!

AL-RIGHT, IN THAT CASE, I'LL MAKE SURE OF IT WITH THESE EYES!!
GAHHAHA, THAT'S GREAT.
SO... GOBAR SKL...

FUFU, YOU WON'T DECEIVE MY EYES----!!
WELL, LOOK CLOSELY.

SHUT UP, I NEED A BIT MORE TIME!!
WELL, HOW'S THAT?
HM-M

WATCH OUT, GOBARSKI -----!!
NUO!!

NUU!!
WITH THAT, I AM SATISFIED.

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Y.... YOU!!
UGA!!

TH...THAT GUY'S DIRTY---!!

DAMN IT, HE SUDDENLY SLASHED AT HIM----!!

DON'T WORRY, IT'S MERELY A SCRATCH!!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, GOBRAS KI---!!

HUH!?

YOUR LIFE HAS FIVE MINUTES LEFT.....

WHA---!? WHAT'S THAT---!!

YOU WILL DIE IN MADNESS BY THE GHOSTS OF REVENGE IN SHIRANUI.

THIS MUST BE ATONED WITH DEATH.

YOUR CRIME IS GREAT FOR CALLING ME A FRAUD AND INSULTING THIS SHIRANUI.

N!?

KILL!!

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SAYING THAT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON!!

GAHHAHA, YOU'RE AN IDIOT!!

WI...WITH ME TAKING ONE SCRATCH .....!!

OOOH---!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

KILL!!

WHAT'S WRONG, GOBARSKI?

WH... WHAT IS THIS VOICE ...!?

!!
HUH!?

GO... GOBAR SKI-!!
ST... STOP, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!!
KU !!
GO... GOBARSKI IS ATTACK-ING MOMO WITH AN AWFUL LOOK----!!
UOO, WH... WHAT IS HAPPEN-ING--!!

GUFU
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OOF

UUH...
...!!

WHAT
DID YOU
DO!?

IF YOU BARE ONE SCRATCH, YOU WILL SEARCH FOR BLOOD AND RUN AMUCK WITHOUT DISTINGUISHING EVEN ENEMY OR ALLY AND, ULTIMATELY, HAVE YOUR BREATH DIE OUT.

FUFU, THAT IS ONE OF THE DEVILISH POWERS POSSESSED IN SHIRANUI .....!!

WH... WHAT'S THE!!

THERE ISN'T AT ALL A WAY TO SAVE HIM.....!! AS IS, HE WILL DIE.

FUFU, I SUGEST YOU STOP THAT. HE'LL JUST RUN WILD AGAIN IF HE CONCIOUS.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WOULD USE THAT TRICK BUT...
UN... UNFOR-GIVABLE !!

GO... GOBARSKI WILL DIE....!!
TH... THAT IM... IMPOS-SIBLE ...!!

NU OO --- !!

FUFU, THAT'S CONSIDER-ABLE SWORDSMAN-SHIP.

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ALLY WHO IS DYING OVER THERE.
THIS HESITA-TION HAS WEAKENED YOU, YOU CAN'T UTILIZE YOUR ESSENTIAL POWER.

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YOUR SWORDS NOW IS DIS-TURBED.
BUT A PERSON'S HEART APPEARS IN A SWORD.

FU, YOU'RE STILL SOFT!!
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME LIKE THAT!!
MO... MOMO ---!!
GU!!

FU, YOU BARELY AVOID IT.
BUT ULTIMATELY YOU TOO WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH AS THE ONE WHO TOOK IT, THAT GOBARSKI!!
HE WILL SOON DIE!!
YOU WILL SEE!!
KU!!

YOU SHOULD WELL DECIDE TO RESIGN AT THIS POINT OF DEATH!!

NUU !!

TAKE THIS: KAIHAT-SUSHIN!!
!!
UH!!
TN: "KAIHATSUSHIN" = "ROTATING-HAIR NEEDLES"
MO... MOMO'S GETTING KILLED ---!!
GUGU !!
I'VE GOT YOU ---!!

NU!!
GOFU !!
GO... GOBAR SKI ---!!
HUH !!

TH...THINKING OF MY PRIDE IN FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU

IT...IT WAS A SHORT TIME, BUT IT'S BEEN FUN...

AS ONE OF OTOKO-JUKU...!!

BE...BECAUSE I CAN'T HAVE THAT YOU GET INVOLVED WITH MY BLUNDER .....!!

FUFU, WL...WITH THIS, YOU CAN FIGHT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE ...!!

GO BAR SKI ---- !!

DE... FEAT... ...!!

CE...CER TAINLY DEFEAT ....!!

GO...GO BARSKI ----!!

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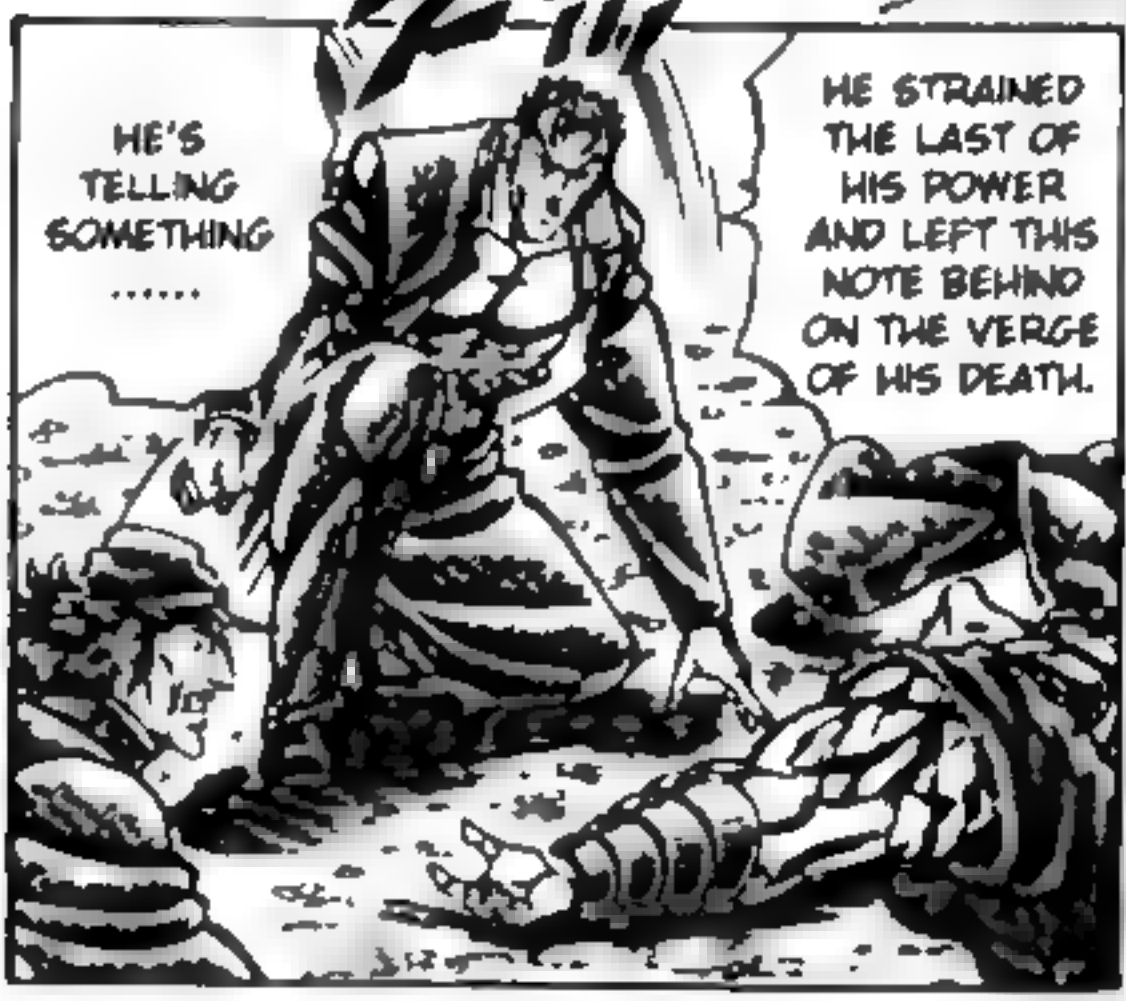
WHAT IS THAT ....!?
SOMETHING IS WRITTEN ON THE GROUND.


HE'S TELLING SOMETHING .....
HE STRAINED THE LAST OF HIS POWER AND LEFT THIS NOTE BEHIND ON THE VERGE OF HIS DEATH.

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IS THIS LIKE LETTERS OR LIKE A CODE....!?
BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN ....!?

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF THAT FOOLISH MAN.

BOTH SHIRANUI AND MYSELF ARE TIRED OF WAITING.

FUFFU! ARE YOU PLANNING ON KEEPING ME WAITING FOREVER IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH, TSURUGI?

THAT MAN DIED FOR HIS MISTAKE AS CONSEQUENCE OF HIS FOOLISHNESS.

FOR CERTAIN .....!!

HE WILL CERTAINLY BE DEFEATED BY ME!!

EVEN IF YOU'RE AN ENEMY, THOSE ARE WORDS SAID ABOUT A MAN WHO HAS DIED —!!

WH... WHAT'S THAT —!!

E... EVERYONE, STEP BACK ... .!!

BUT EVEN SO, YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST ME.
FU, THAT'S QUITE THE SPIRIT.
I'LL SHOW YOU THE OTHER DEVIL-ISHNESS OF SHIRANUI!!
YOU'VE LOST YOUR UNREST AND NOW ARE HIDING JUST YOUR ANGER AND SADNESS IN YOUR BLADE.

E...EVEN THOUGH HIS HAND LET GO OF IT, THAT SWORD IS FLOATING IN MID-AIR---!!
WH... WHAT---!! IT'S... FLOATING ----!!
!!

GO, SHIRANUI!! NOW HAVE HIM TASTE YOUR TRUE TERROR!!
UH!!
IM... IMPOS-SIBLE, THIS IS!?

GUI!
NUU!!
UWAHHAHA, DON'T FORGET!! EVEN IF YOU BARE ONE SCRATCH,
YOU WILL HAVE A DISORDERLY DEATH JUST LIKE THE EARLIER MAN--!!

UOO, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS ---!!

IT'S...AS IF THE SWORD POSSESSES A WILL LIKE IT'S A LIVING THING AND COMING TO ATTACK WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE----!!

UGU!!

TH...THAT SWORD REALLY IS A DEVILISH SWORD POSSESSED BY A VENGEFUL GHOST.....!?

TH...THERE'S NO INDICATION IT'S BEING MANIPULATED BY STRING!!

GOBARSKI REALIZED THAT SOMETHING!!

SOMETHING!!

THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING.

THAT'S... WRONG.

TELL ME, GOBARSKI, WHAT EXACTLY YOU WERE TRYING TO SAY...!!

THAT'S WHY HE LEFT A MESSAGE ON THE GROUND!!

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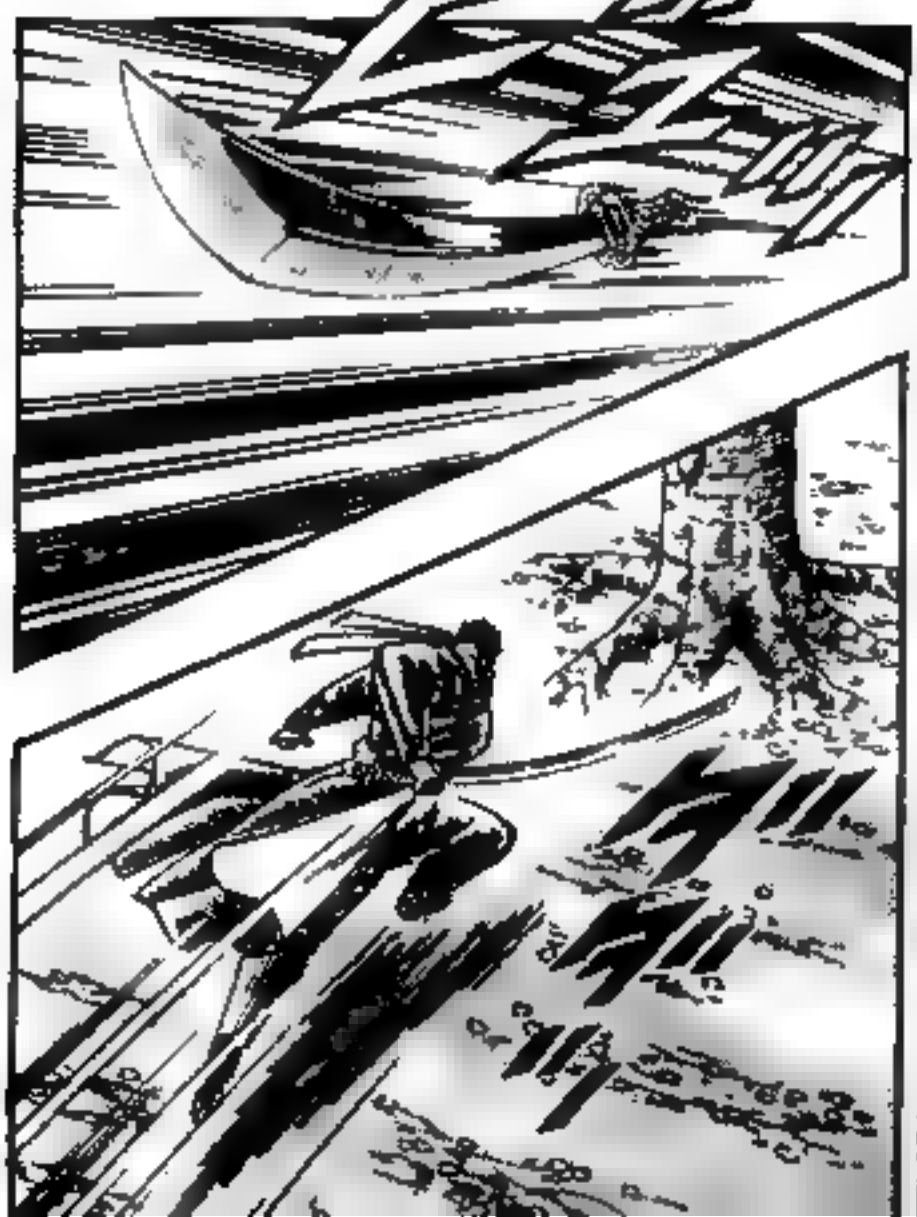
WH...WHY IS TH S FRAGMENT FLOATING IN MID-AIR...!?

TH...THIS IS A FRAGMENT OF SHIRANUI THAT CHIPPED OFF THE BLADE WITH THE B_OW NOW .....!!

NUO!!

DON'T TELL ME...
THE MEANING OF THE MESSAGE IS...



PUT AN END OF THIS.
FUFFUFU, SHIRANUI, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR PLAYING.

IT'S SINK-
CR-SH IA!!
IN...IN SPITE OF HAVING NOWHERE TO RUN LIKE THAT----!!
AAH, NO...MOMO IS CLIMBING THE SAKURA TREE AND CHASED BY SHIRANUI----!!

WH...WHAT---!! SHIRANUI HAS SUDDENLY STALLED AND IT'S BALANCE HAS CRUMBLED ---!!
IT...IT IS!!
NU!!
NUN!!

HA!!
I'VE SEEN THROUGH YOUR SECRET, SHIRANUI!!
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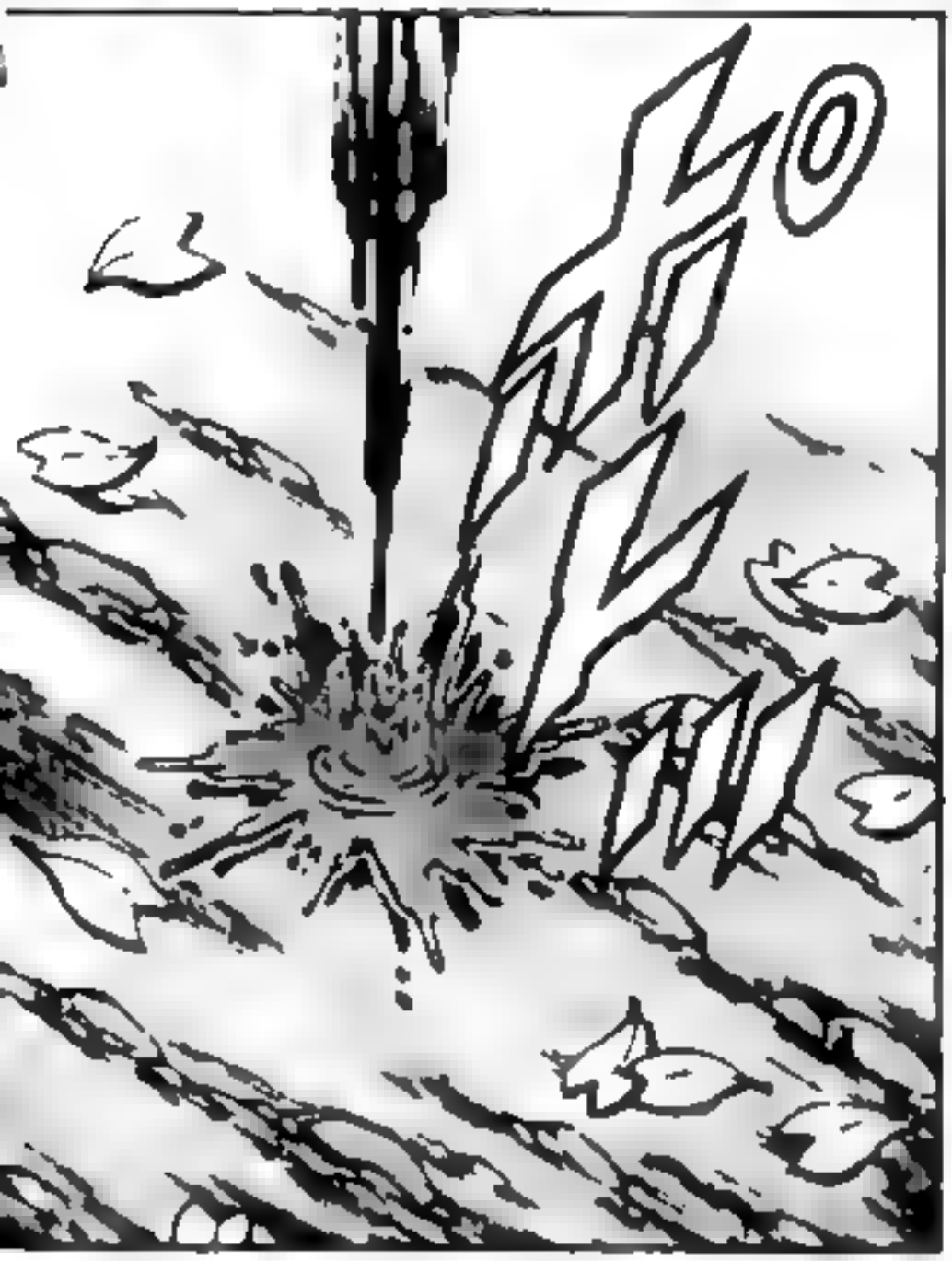
SHI...SHIRANUI HAS BEEN SEALED BENEATH THE SAKURA TREE---!!
HE... HE DID IT---!!

NEXT IS YOUR TURN!!



TN: "CHUUJI KYUUZANTOU" = "AERIAL-MAGNET PEACEFUL-MURDERING SWORD"

IN BRIEF: THE MAGNETISM FROM WITHIN THE GROUND AND THE MAGNETISM OF THE SWORD ARE OF THE SAME POLE AND IT WILL FLOAT IN THE AIR BY THIS. AND THE USER OF THE TECHNIQUE MANIPULATES WITH SKILL WITH A SUPER-POWERFUL PAIR OF SAME-POLE MAGNETS THAT THEY CARRY HIDDEN IN THEIR SLEEVES, PRESENTING TO THE FLOATING SWORD MOVEMENT AS THEY PLEASE AND ATTACKING THEIR OPPONENT. NATURALLY, THE MAGNETS NECESSARY FOR THIS TECHNIQUE IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT IS ONLY PRODUCED IN A PORTION OF A STREAK IN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT WON'T REACT TO OTHER METALS."-FROM "MAGNET POWER - THIS IS HOW THEY'LL CHANGE THE 21ST CENTURY-", MINMEI PUBLISHING

CHUUJI KYUUZANTOU...AS IT IS KNOWN, MAGNETS HAVE A S AND N POLES AND A STRONG UNION WORKS BETWEEN DIFFERENT POLES, BUT A STRONG REPELLANT POWER WORKS BETWEEN THE SAME POLES. PUTTING THIS THEORY TO PRACTICAL USE IS CHUUJI KYUUZANTOU, SAID TO BE AN ILLUSIONARY SECRET OUGI OF CHINESE KENPOU. THE IMPORTANT POINT OF THIS TECHNIQUE IS TO BURY A NUMBERLESS AMOUNT OF POWERFUL MAGNETS WHICH CREATE A MAGNETIC FIELD IN THE GROUND IN A PLACE WHICH WILL BECOME A BATTLEGROUND IN ADVANCE AND USING A SWORD MADE BY MIXING IN AN IRON POWDER THAT CARRIES MAGNETISM.

TN: WHILE "BINECHIN" IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING I COULDN'T QUITE FIND A MEANING TO, AN "AMIDE" IS AN ORGANIC COMPOUND TYPICALLY OF THE CARBONYL-NITROGEN SENSE THAT ARE TYPICALLY BASES USED FOR RIGID MATERIALS AS WELL AS FOR MAKING CERTAIN NOTABLE DRUGS INCLUDING PENICILLIN OR LSD

DON'T THINK YOU CAN WIN BY MAKING A SCRATCH OF THAT DEGREE.

BUT THE TRUE MATCH IS FROM HERE.

ALL OF IT WAS A FABLE FOR PRESENTING A FEELING OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPPRESSION FOR YOU.

FU, AFTER ALL, A THING CALLED A BEWITCHED SWORD DOESN'T EXIST.

WHAT'S THAT!?

THIS MATCH IS ALREADY OVER.

YOU'VE LOST, YUKINOJOU.

!!

IT...CAN'T BE.....!!

YOU SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY AT THE SWORD IN MY HAND.

WHEN I JUMPED DOWN FROM THE SAKURA TREE, I CARRIED WITH THE SWORD. IN SHORT, THE SWORD PLANTED IN THE GROUND NOW IS MY SWORD...!!

TH... THAT'S SHIRANUI ---!!
I'VE FULFILLED MY PROMISE, GOBARSKI.
UGYAAA ---- !!
YOU WILL DIE TASTING THE SIMILAR PAIN AS GOBARSKI!!
THIS DEATH WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO YOU.
TH...THAT STUPID .....!!
WA... WAIT.

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PERHAPS THE RING THAT GOBARSKI HAD ON HIS HEAD AND SHIRANUI MADE OF THE SAME METAL BY CHANCE.

THAT'S WHY GOBARSKI REALIZED SHIRANUI'S SECRET.

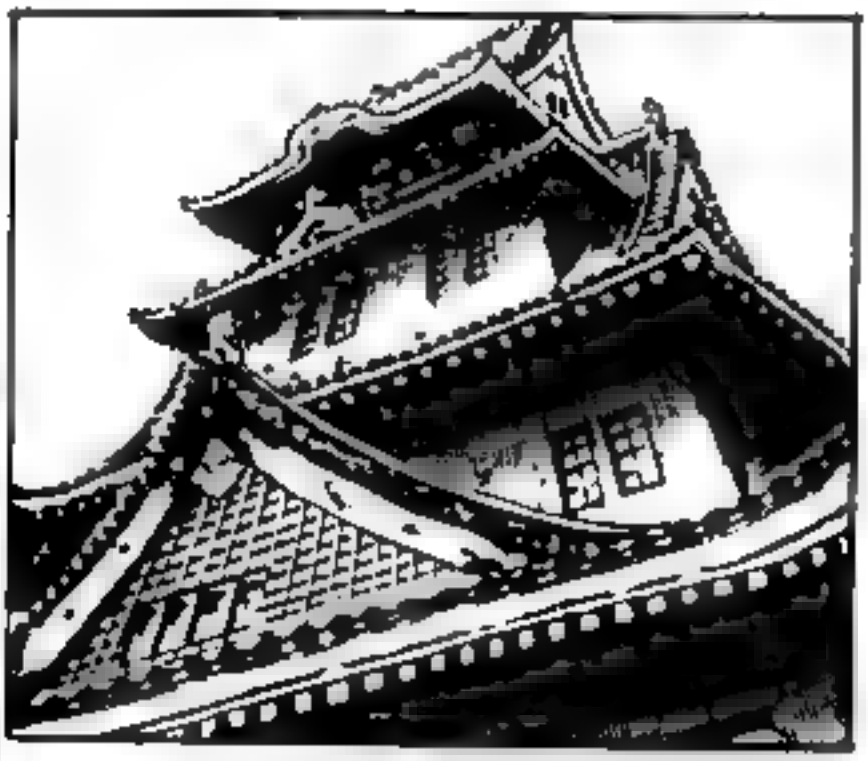
TOMB: GOBARSKI SLEEPS HERE

YOUR DEATH WILL NEVER BE USELESS FOR US.

SLEEP PEACE-FULLY, GOBARSKI...

THEY'VE DEFEATED YUKINOJOU WITH ONLY ONE VICTIM...

FU, THEY'VE DONE IT.



WELL, SHIKIBU-SAMA, ONE OF BUGEN CASTLE'S FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS, HAS PREPARED HIMSELF AND IS AWAITING THEM.

WHO WILL FIGHT THEM NEXT!?

HE IS THE MAN WHO HAS MASTERED THE ESSENTIALS OF NINJA ARTS, WHICH SHOULD BE THE SHADOW-STREAM OF JAPAN'S MARTIAL ARTS...!!
FU, SHIKIBU OF A THOUSAND FACES, AS PEOPLE CALL HIM.

FUFU, IT WILL BE FUN IN WATCHING WHATEVER FIGHT THIS IS.

EVEN I HAVEN'T.
AS THAT SECOND NAME DENOTES, THERE HASN'T EVER BEEN A PERSON WHO HAS SEEN THE TRUE FACE OF SHIKIBU.

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CHP. 303: THE ASSASSIN OF A THOUSAND FACES!!

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IT'S GOING TO GUIDE US TO SOMEWHERE AGAIN.

AH, LOOK!! IT'S THAT KARAKURI DOLL AGAIN.

WH...WHAT IS THIS MUSTY MANSION .....!!
IT SEEMS WE HAVE TO GO IN HERE.

OH!!

BE CAREFUL. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TRICKS IT HAS.
IT'S... EXTREMELY DIM INSIDE.

IS THIS WOODEN DOOR THE ENTRANCE?

HUH??!? WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AND WHOM ARE YOU COMPLAINING TO, TORAMARU?
TH...THAT HURTS, TOGASHI!! BE CAREFUL IN STEPPING ON A PERSON'S FOOT!!

OUCH!!

N---!!
N!?
WH... WHAT---!! Y.... YOU'RE ----!!
TH... THAT'S---!! TH...THERE'S TWO TORAMARU ---!!
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WH...WHAT EXACTLY A...ARE YOU!?
WH...WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU .....!?
TH...THAT STUPID.....!!
TH...THEY'RE TWO PEAS IN A POD.....!! EVEN IN VOICES...!!
I...DON'T BELIEVE THIS...!!
TH...THAT'S MY LINE!! I'LL REVEAL THIS GUY'S TRUE IDENTITY---!!
TH...THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS, YOU GUY-----!!

WH...WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU DOING——!! HURRY AND TAKE THE FAKE——!!

WH...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THE FAKE IS YOU——!!

UH!!

TELL ME!! THE THREE INSTRUCTIONS OF OTOKO-JUKU!!

HUH!?

IF YOU'RE A STUDENT OF OTOKO-JUKU, YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS.

.....!!

MO...MOMO, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!!

"STUDENTS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THEIR ALLEGIANCE"!! "STUDENTS SHOULD VALUE BRAVERY"!! "STUDENTS SHOULD MAKE PRINCIPAL TO DO MODESTY"!!

WAHHAHA--!! I KNOW THEM---!!

I...I DON'T KNOW THOSE THINGS ---!!

THE... THREE INSTRUC-TIONS OF OTOKO-JUKU---!?

!!

NOW QUICKLY CUT THIS FAKE GUY IN TWO, MOMO---!!

WAHHAHA, THAT DECIDES IT-----!!

THE TRUE TORAMARU DOESN'T REMEMBER THOSE THINGS!!

THAT'S-WHY IT'S YOU!!

WH...WHAT!! DI...DIDN'T I ANSWER THEM COR-RECTLY ---!!

THE FAKE IS YOU.

FU, WRONG.

WHAT ARE YOU ---!!
OTTO
FUFFUFU, I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.
OVERDOING IT SOMEHOW MAKES ME GOT COUGHT.

PEOPLE CALLED ME THE MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES!!
MY NAME IS SHIKIBU, ONE OF BUGEN CASTLE'S FOUR BATTLE-HERMITS!!
N...NOW HE'S BECOME MOMO'S FACE---!!
WH... WHAT---!! THAT'S... MOMO---!!

DON'T FORGET THAT I HAVE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED EVERYTHING ABOUT ALL OF YOU, FROM YOUR PERSONAL HISTORIES TO YOUR PERSONALITIES.

FUFFUFU, YOU SHOULD HAVE FUN.

AND YOU WILL DIE, LEAVING NOT ONE BEHIND.

ALL OF YOU WILL BE IN STRANGE FIGHTS EVEN OF THIS WORLD IN THIS MANSION FROM HERE.

YOU PUT THIS ON OUR SHOULDERS IN THIS PLACE--!!

WH...WHAT IS THAT GUY SAYING --!!

UOI!

WH... WHAT ---!! A TRAP ---!!
UOOO ---!!
FU, I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON MY FIRST GAME.

!!

KU!!

IN SPITE OF ALL OF US FALLING AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S NO ONE HERE...

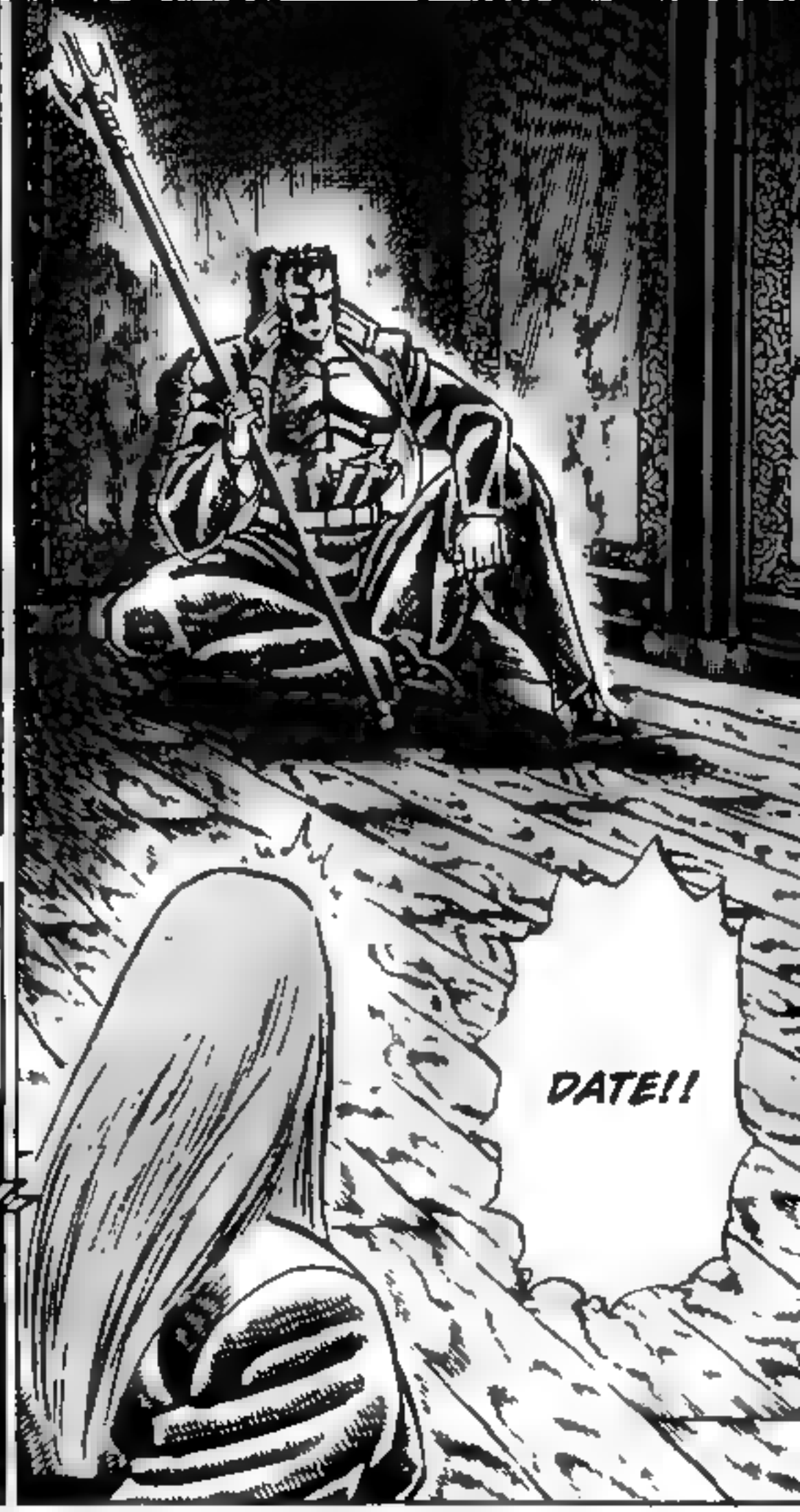
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?

HIEN!!

.....!!

HAVE WE ALL FALLEN BY BEING DIVIDED FROM THAT CEILING!?

WHERE DID THE OTHERS GO?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BUT HIS AIM IS TO SEPARATE ALL OF US.
I DON'T KNOW EITHER .....!!

ARE YOU THE REAL HIEN?
HIEN.
.....!!

HUH?
WAIT!! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.

I HAVE NOTHING TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE THE REAL DATE.

FU, THAT'S THE SAME FOR ME.

BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU RESEMBLE HIS FACE, YOU CAN'T IMITATE THE TECHNIQUES.

RIGHT. IN THAT CASE, WE WILL SHOW PROOF WITH OUR TECHNIQUES,

THERE'S NOTHING TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE THE REAL HIEN.

AS WE SAW EARLIER WITH HIS TRANSFORMATION TECHNIQUE,

WITH THIS, IT WILL BE PLEASING IF I CAN CLEAR THE DOUBT...

FU, UNDERSTOOD.

IF YOU HAVE THE SKILL THAT CAN GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE, THEN IT WOULD BE UNBELIEVABLE THAT YOU WILL MISS BY ANY CHANCE.

FIRST YOU WILL STRIKE THE END DECORATION ON MY SPEAR WITH YOUR KAKUSHI SENBON.

HA !!

HUH!!

RIGHT, AT THAT MOMENT!!

HE SUBSTI-TUTED THEM AT THAT MOMENT!!

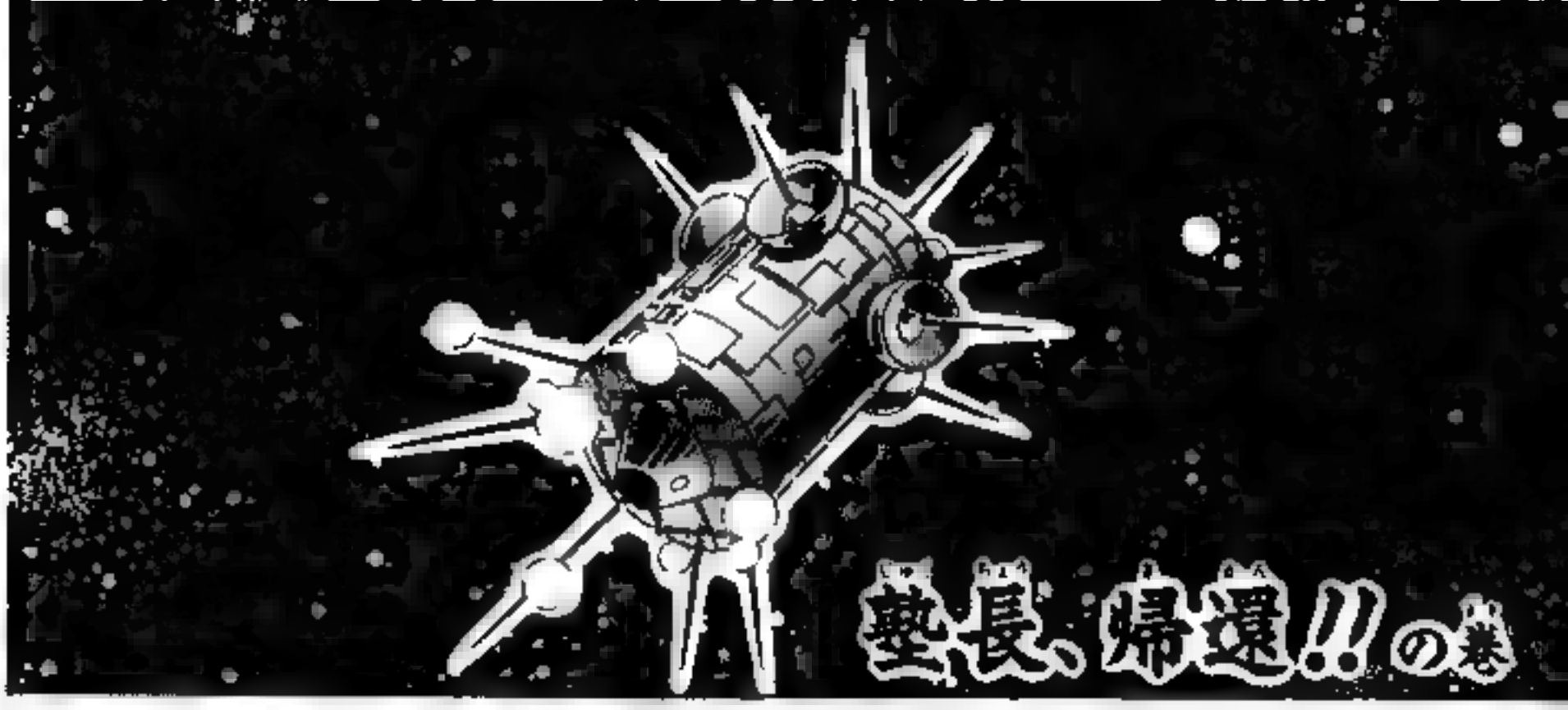
TH...THOSE AREN'T MY SENBON!!

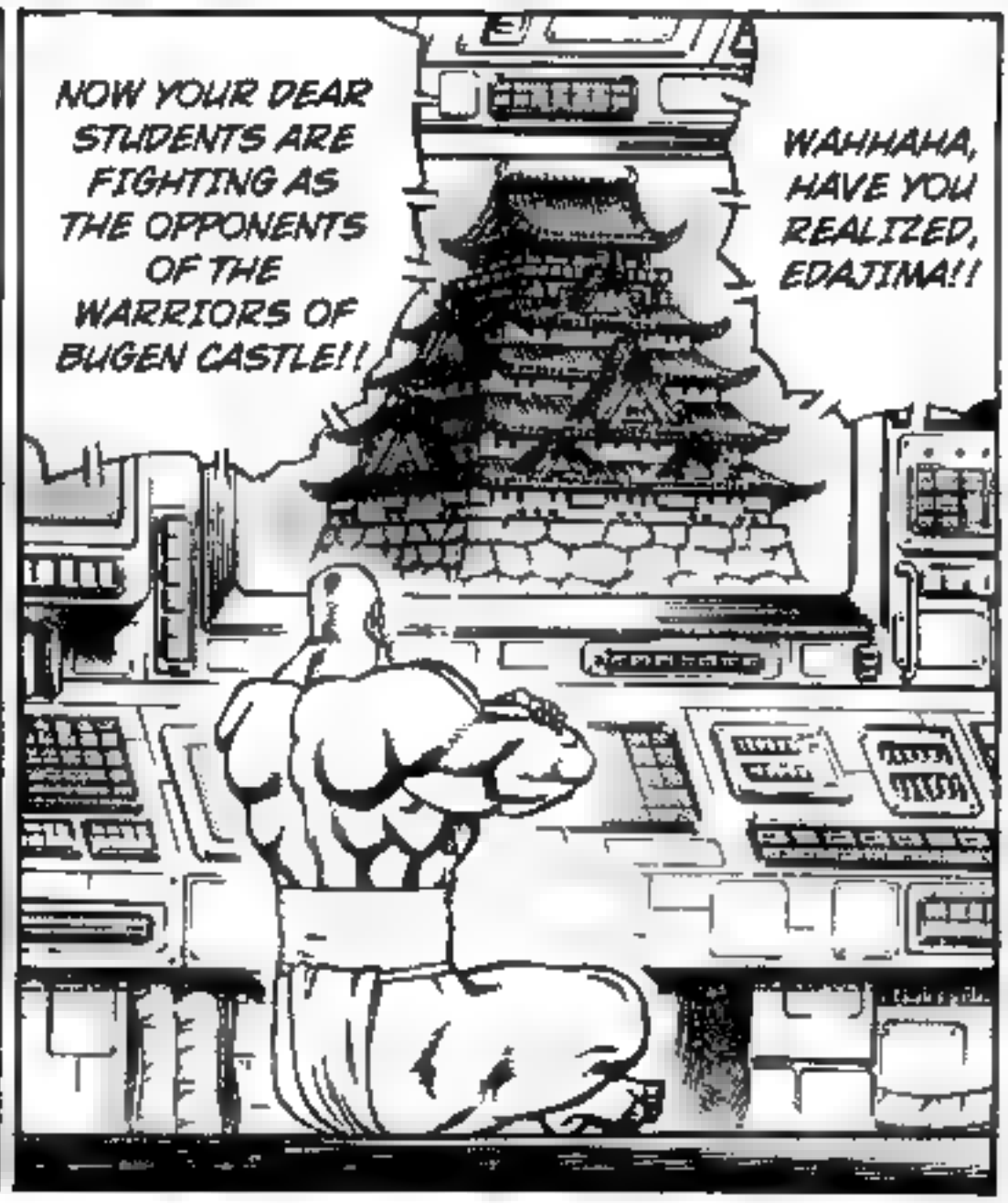
WR... WRONG,

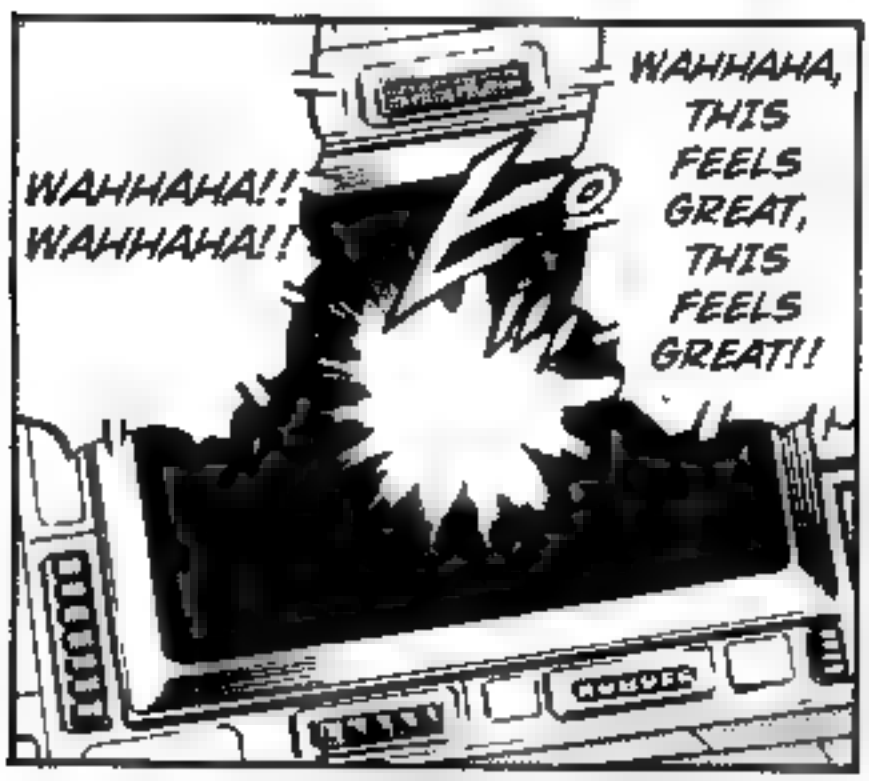
WA... WAIT--!! DA... DATE---!!

JUST GIVE UP ALREADY!!

WITH THAT, I'VE REVEALED YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.







CHP. 304: PRINCIPAL, RETURN!!

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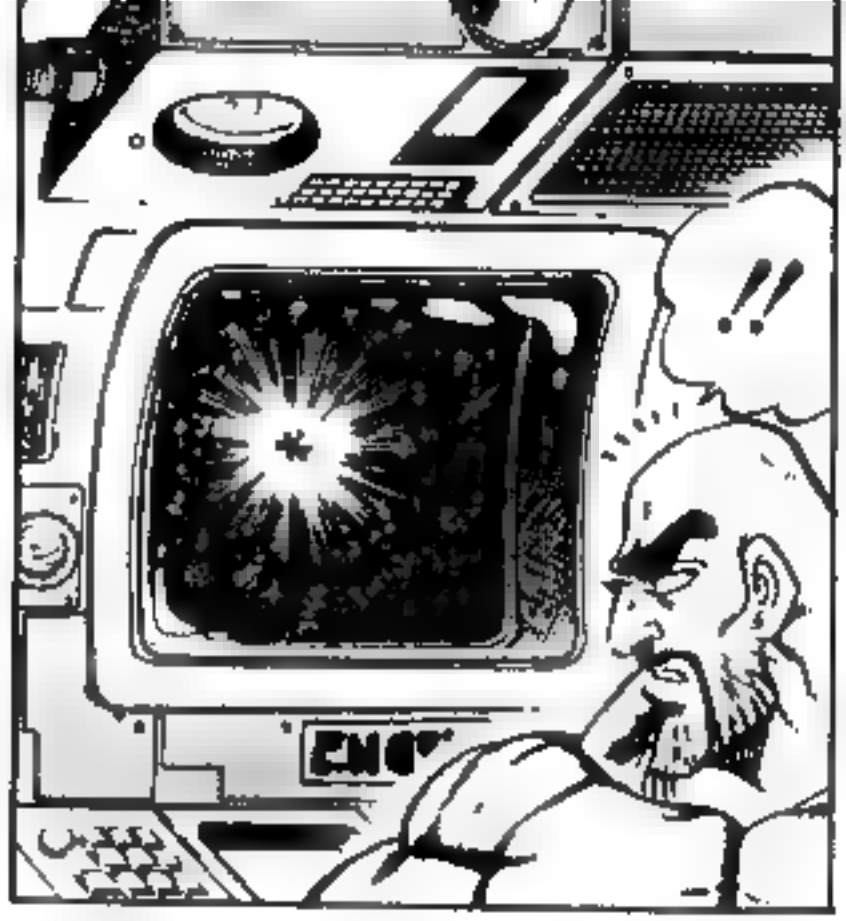
THE REST: 11TH: GEKKOU: 151 VOTES; 12TH: TOUGOU SOUJI: 146 VOTES; 13TH: AKASHI GOUJI: 137 VOTES; 14TH: EDAJIMA HEIHACHI: 126 VOTES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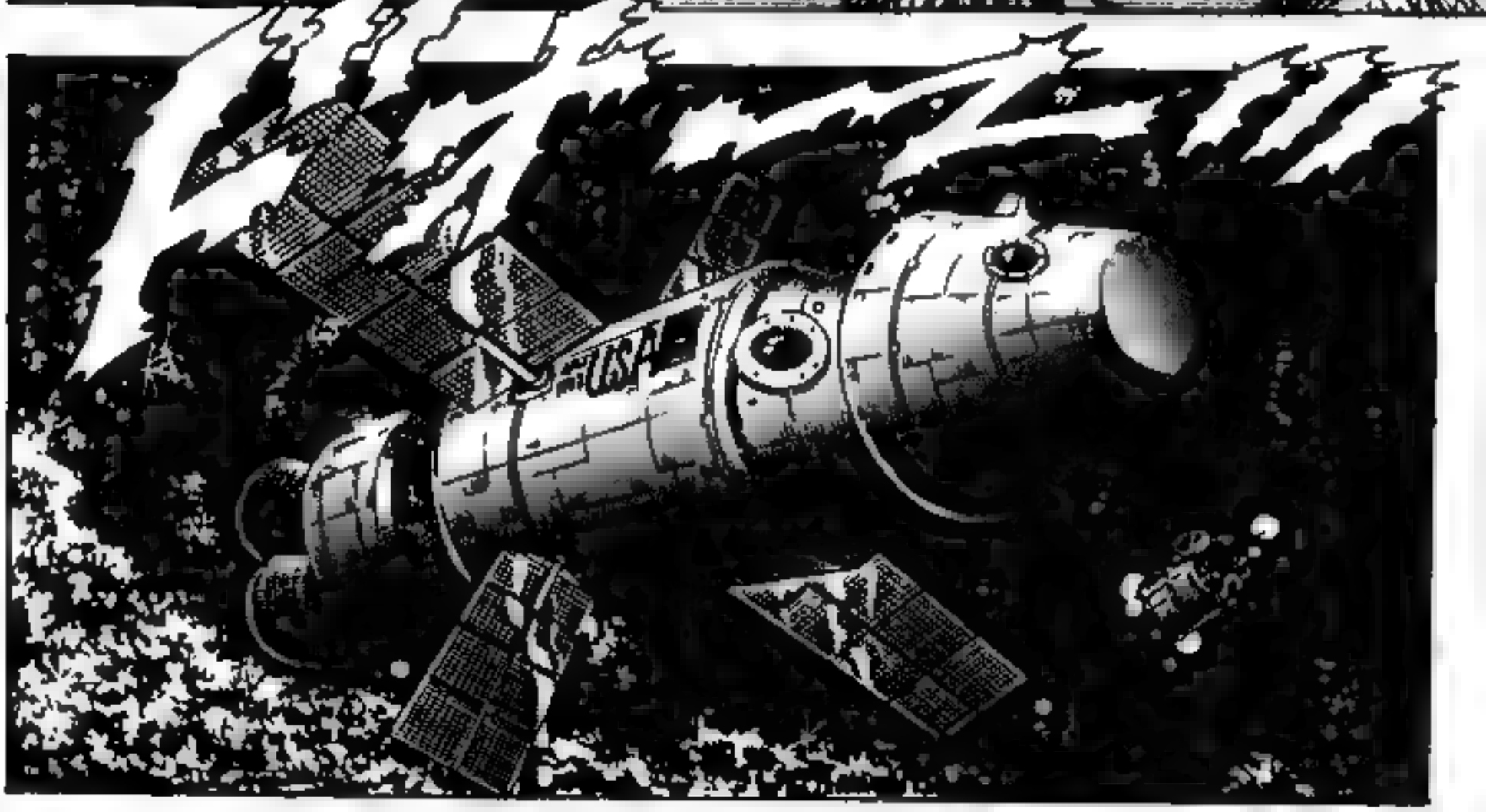
DO...YOU THINK I'M A MAN WHO WILL END LIKE THIS---!!
NUU, TOUDOU--!!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THE SHUTTLE WILL SOON BE BREAKING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

WE'RE ANOTHER 1000 KM TO EARTH; WE HAVE 15 MINUTES LEFT OF TIME.

EVERYONE TO THE FIRST LANDING SYSTEM!!

YEAH, BUT WE'RE FINALLY RETURNING TO EARTH.

THIS WAS A LONG MISSION CAPTAIN.

IT SEEMS TO BE A MAN-MADE SATELLITE.

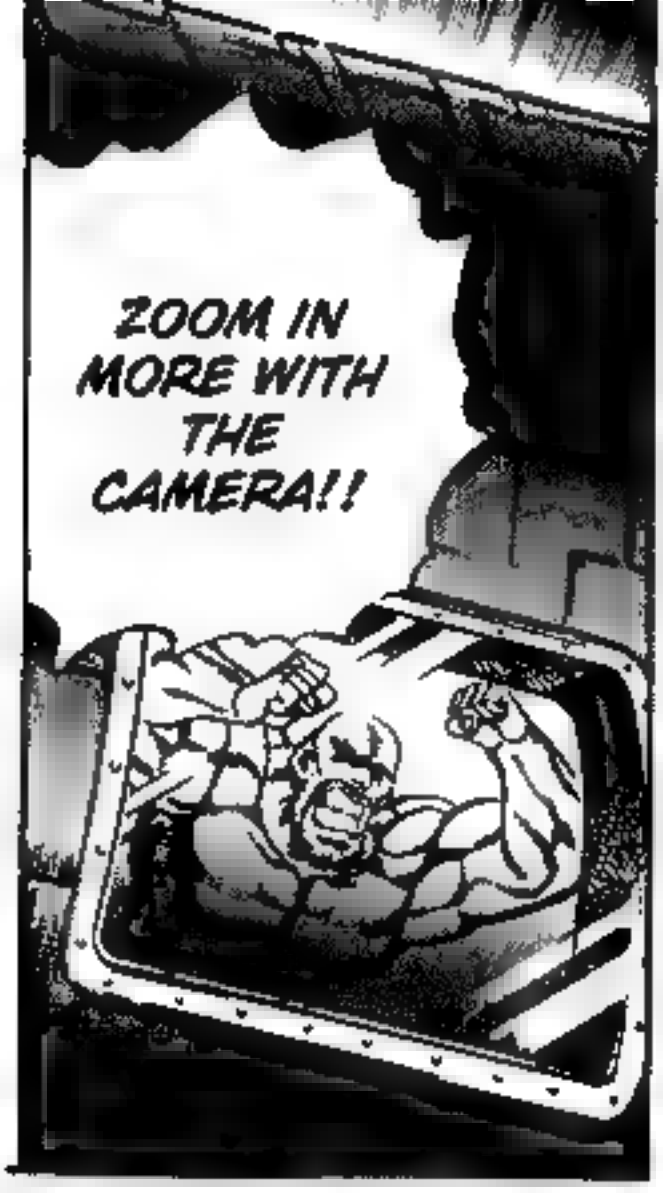
I'VE DISCOVERED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT 60 DEGREES STARBOARD.

WHAT'S WRONG !?

CA... CAPTAIN, TH...THAT'S !!

THERE'S NO WAY A SHIP FROM OUR COUNTRY OR THE SOVIETS IN THIS AREA!!

WHAT —!! THAT'S ...IMPOSSIBLE.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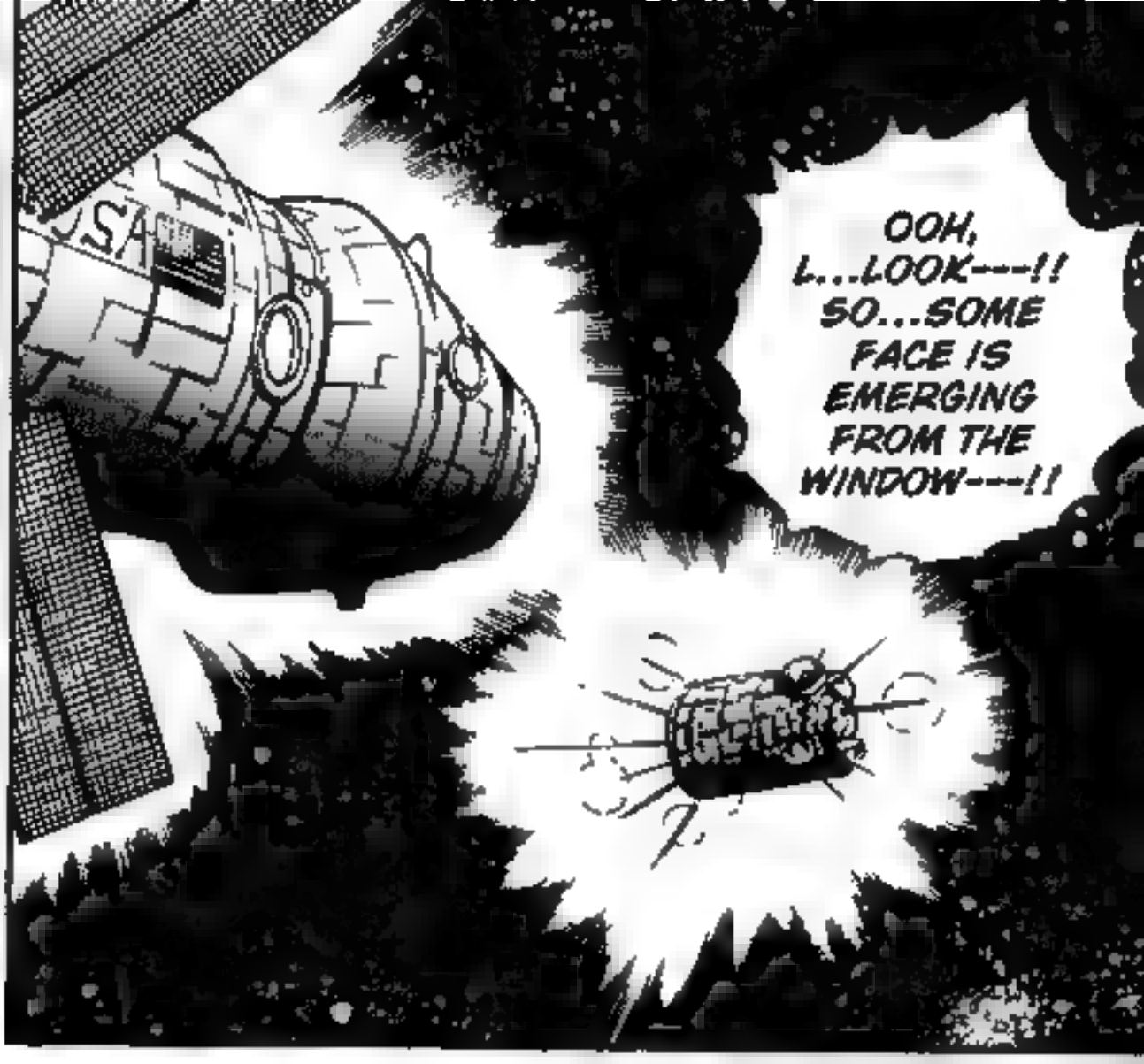
OOH, L...LOOK---!! SO...SOME FACE IS EMERGING FROM THE WINDOW---!!

THAT'S NOT AN EARTHLING, TH...THAT'S SURELY AN UNKNOWN CREATURE FROM SPACE .....!!
THAT BIZARRE EXPRES-SION..... ...

IT'S TURNING TO US AND YELLING!!
I...DON'T BELIEVE IT; THAT'S...A LIVING THING .....!!

DIDN'T THEY UNDERSTAND I WAS SAYING I HAVE TO BE FREED FROM HERE---!!

HEY--!! THOSE NASA IDIOTS!!

WE'LL...GO JUST A BIT CLOSER AND LOOK AT ITS STATE!!

IT...SEEMS LIKE QUITE AN ATROCIOUS CREATURE; BE ON LOOKOUT!!

UR YA ---!!

ITS SINK-OR-SWIM; IF THAT'S THEIR DISTANCE, THEN IT'S COME TO THIS SOMEHOW!!

NUUU, I HAVE NO CHOICE!!

WH... WHAT---!! IT'S BROKEN THROUGH THE FUSELAGE AND IS FLYING OUT-----!!

I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S SWIMMING COMPLETELY NAKED IN THIS AIRLESS VOID OF SPACE----!!

HOO, IT'S COMING TOWARDS THIS WAY----!!

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WH... WHAT ----!!

IT...IT'S WRENCHING OPEN THE HATCH ----!!

IT'S ARRIVED ON OUR CRAFT----!!

CA... CAPTAIN, THIS ISN'T THE SITUATION TO SAY THAT!!

IT'S... COMING IN---!!
IT'S... DESTROYED THE HATCH ---!!

DOR YAA ---- !!

O...OUR AIR IS LE...LEAK ING OUT!!

WELL, IF I DON'T CLOSE THIS QUICKLY, THE AIR WILL LEAK OUT.

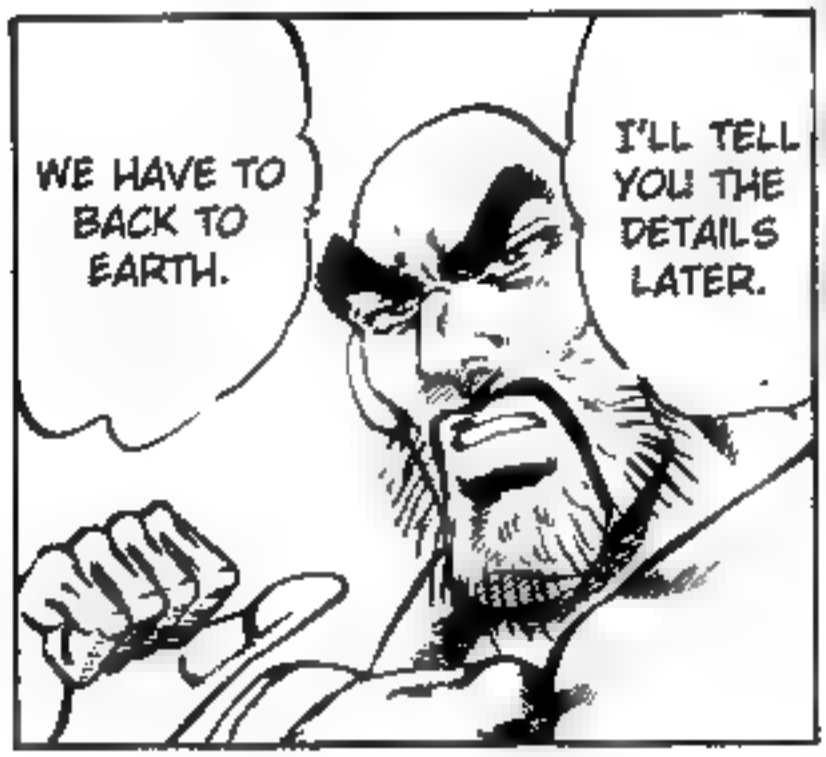
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKO-JUKU, EDAJIMA HEIHACHI!!

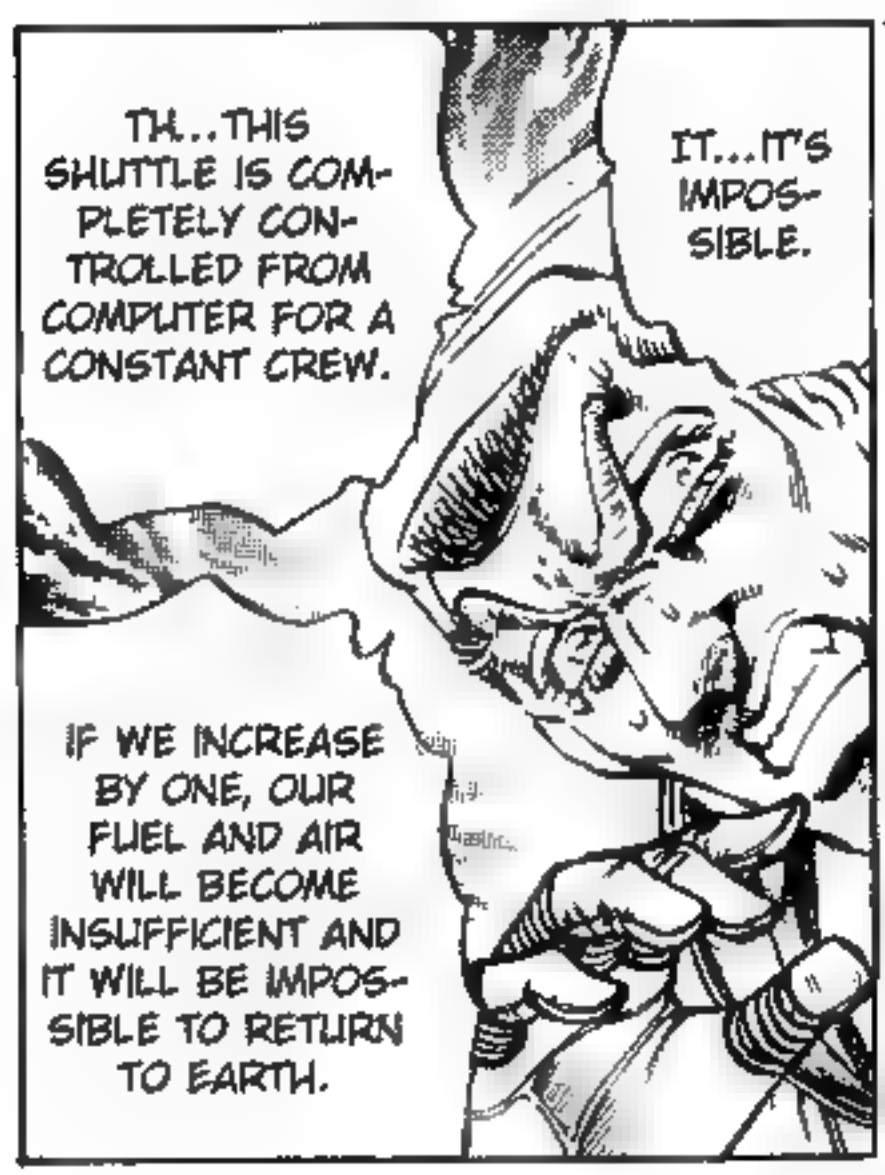
IT....IT TALKS... .....

THE...ALIEN SPOKE EARTH LANGUAGE .....!!

ARE YOU THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHUTTLE!?

I AM THE EARTHLING PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU, EDAJIMA HEIHACHI!!
YOU FOOL!! I'M NOT AN ALIEN!!


WE HAVE TO BACK TO EARTH.
I'LL TELL YOU THE DETAILS LATER.


TH...THIS SHUTTLE IS COMPLETELY CONTROLLED FROM COMPUTER FOR A CONSTANT CREW.
IT...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IF WE INCREASE BY ONE, OUR FUEL AND AIR WILL BECOME INSUFFICIENT AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RETURN TO EARTH.

Y...YOU CAN'T RIDE ON THIS.
N...NO.

DO YOU PLAN ON REFUSING EMBARKMENT!!
WELL---!? WHAT'S THAT!?

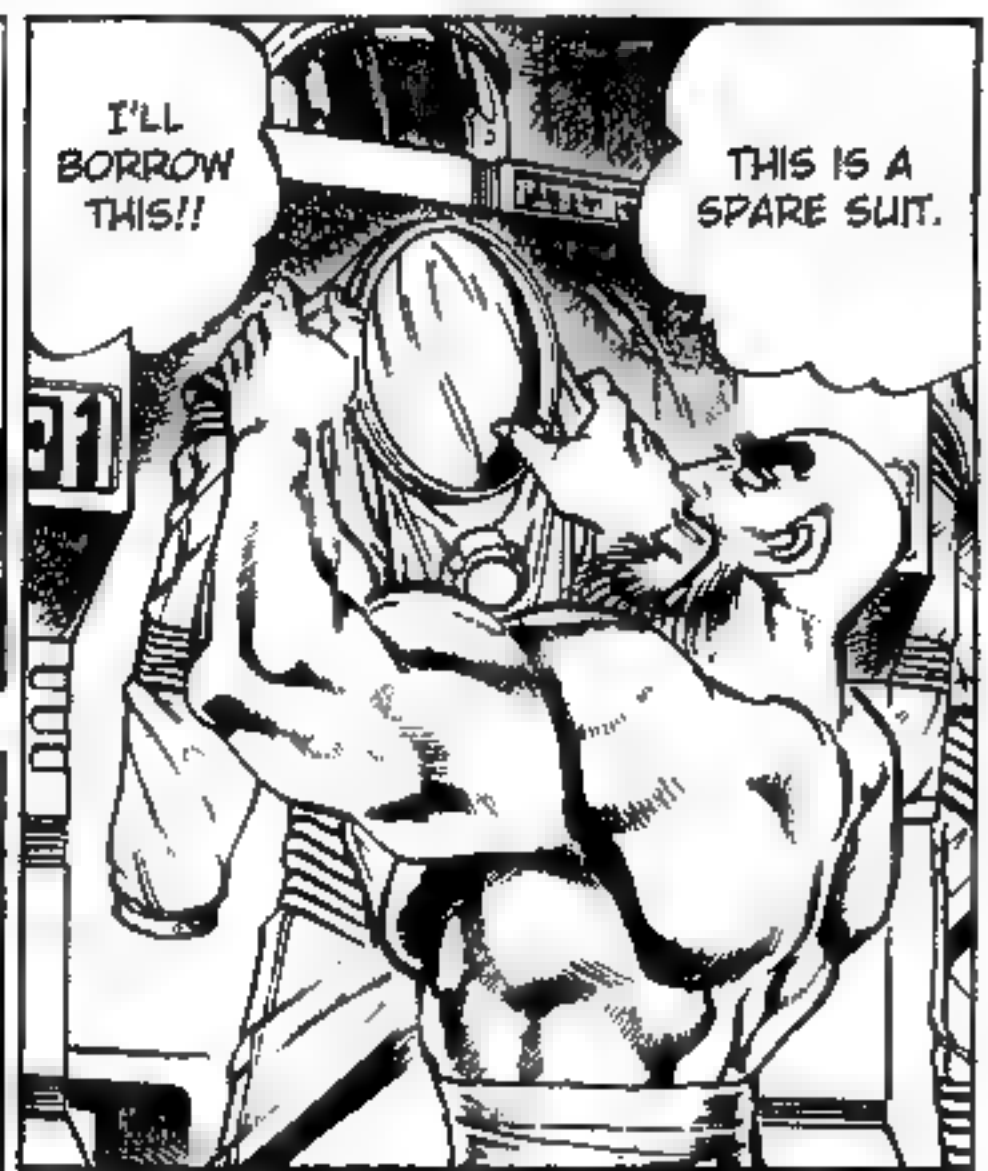
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO: I'LL FOLLOW YOU FROM OUTSIDE.

WAHHAHA, THAT WAS A JOKE.

F...F... FROM OUTSIDE .....!?

IN THAT CASE, SOMEONE WILL BE LEFT AS BAGGAGE.

FU- THAT'S RIGHT.



R! RIGHT: A DISORDER WAS INDUCED IN OUR BRAINS FROM A MYSTERIOUS PHE-NOMENON OF SPACE AND WE'RE SEEING A BAD DREAM.
TH...THIS IS A NIGHT-MARE...!!

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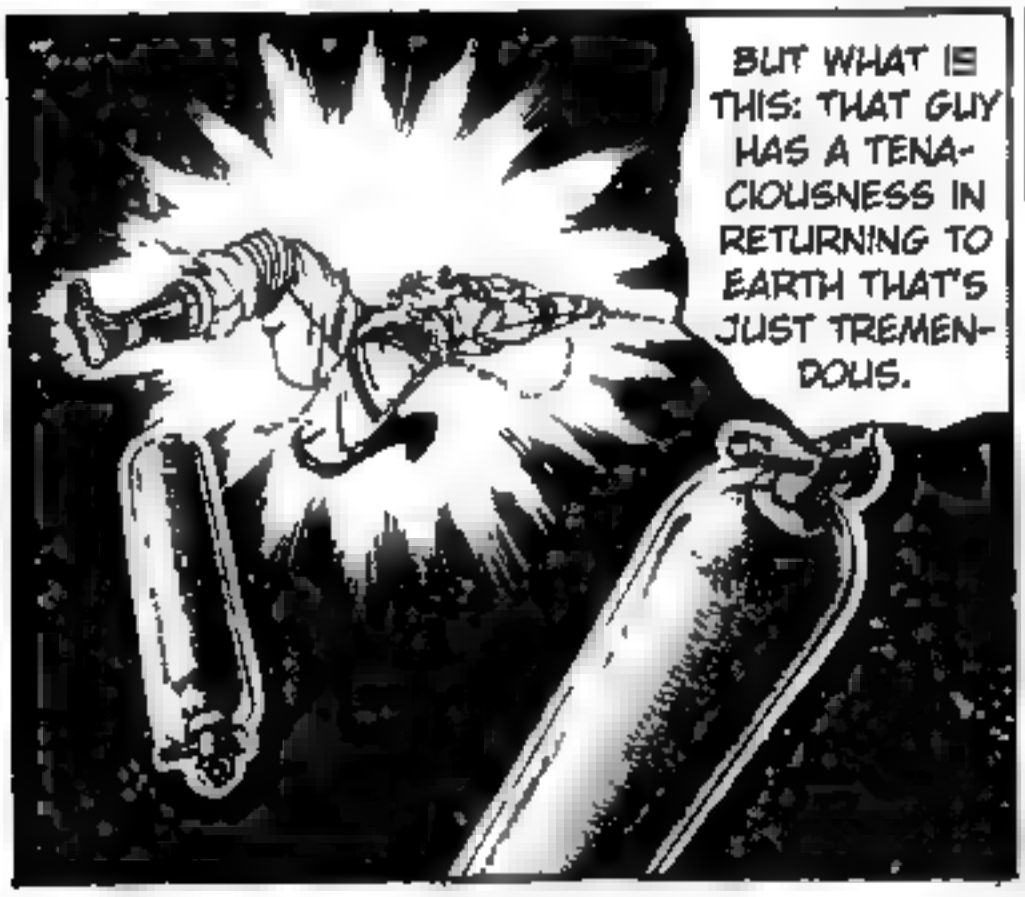
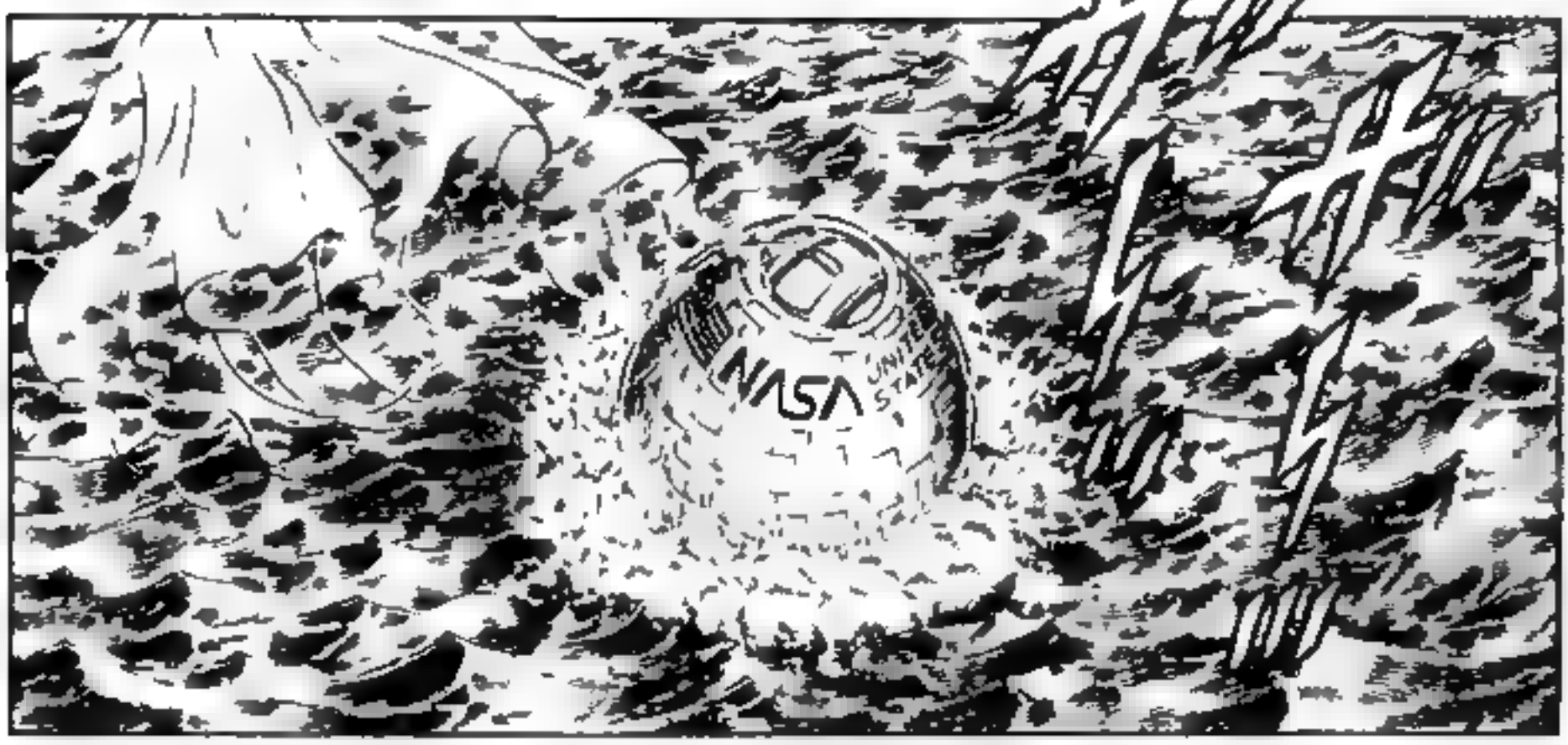
AL-RIGHT, ADVANCE ON DEPAR-TURE----!!

I...I DON'T KNOW FROM HERE.

CA...CAPTAIN, IS HE STILL ALIVE!?



I CAN'T LET YOUR YOUNG LIVES SCATTER ANY FURTHER BECAUSE OF ME!!
FUFU, WAIT FOR ME, ALL OF YOU!!
IF YOU CLEAR YOUR MIND OF ALL MUNDANE THOUGHTS, THEN EVEN FIRE WILL FEEL COOL ----!!
IN SOAJIMA'S WORDS HERE ARE AN EXPRESSION THAT LITERALLY IN JAPANESE IS "SHINTOU MEKKYAKU SUREBA HI MO MATA SUZUSHI" AN EXPRESSION ABOUT "SURPASSING SELF, TO MAKE THINGS BETTER" ORIGINALLY STATED BY KAISEN JOKI, A BUDDHIST PRIEST WHO STATED THIS AS HE WAS BURNED TO DEATH BY FOLLOWERS OF ODA NOBUNAGA AND THE TOKUGAWA, WHO BELIEVED THEY WERE ALLIES WITH TAKEDA SHINGEN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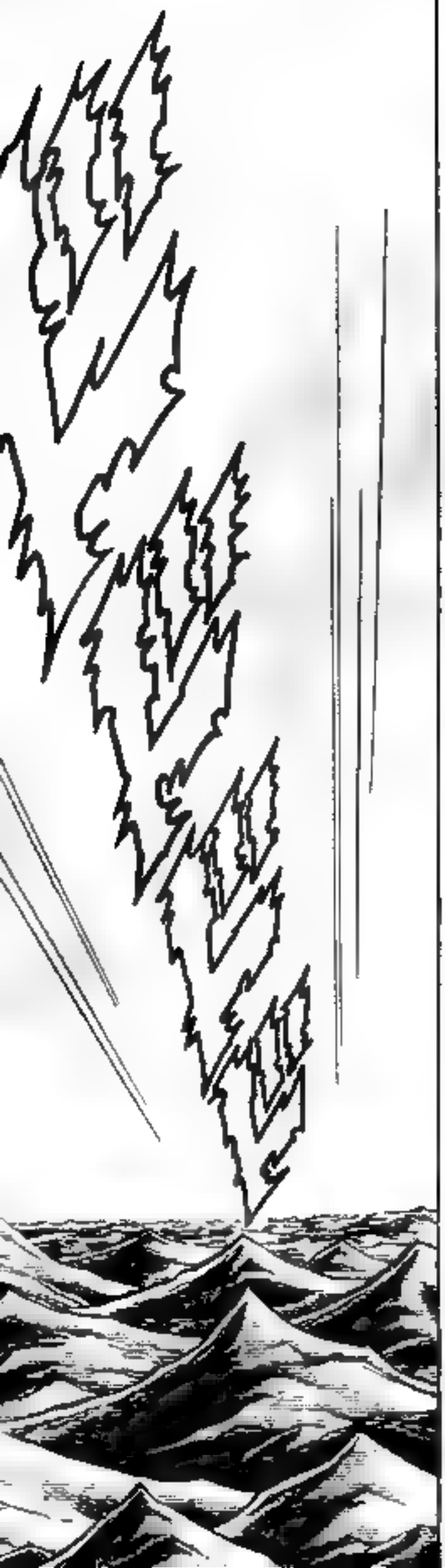

FU, THAT'S NATURAL, BE...BECAUSE THAT WAS ALL A HALLU-CINATION.
HE'S...NOT HERE, CAPTAIN. HE...HIS BODY CAN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE!!

EARTH AIR IS DELICIOUS AFTER ALL.
THE RESCUE TEAM SHOULD BE COMING REAL SOON.

N!?
CA... CAPTAIN, TH... THAT'S!!

WAHHAHA, I'M MUCH OBLIGED, GENTLEMEN YANKEES!!

IT'S TOO SUDDEN AND I DON'T HAVE ANY ENTERTAINMENT IN THE NEXT CASTLE BUT

I WELCOME YOU, TOUDOU-SAMA.

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THAT WILL BE MORE ENTERTAINING THAN ANYTHING.

FUFFUFU: IT'S THOSE GUYS. I WANT TO SEE WITH MY EYES AT ANY COSTS THE APPEARANCE OF THOSE OTOKOJUKU BRATS DYING A DOG'S DEATH.

WHAT IS THAT SOUND!?

FU, WE LEAVE YOU IN YOUR INTENTIONS OF RIDING THE LARGE BOAT

I HAVE GREAT ANTICIPATION FOR ALL OF YOU.

THE "RIDING THE LARGE BOAT" MAY SOUND LIKE A STRANGE EXPRESSION, BUT IT IS IN JAPANESE "OOBUNE NI NORU" WHICH LITERALLY TRANSLATES TO "MAKING IT EASY NOT GETTING INTO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS"

WH...
WHAT
---!!
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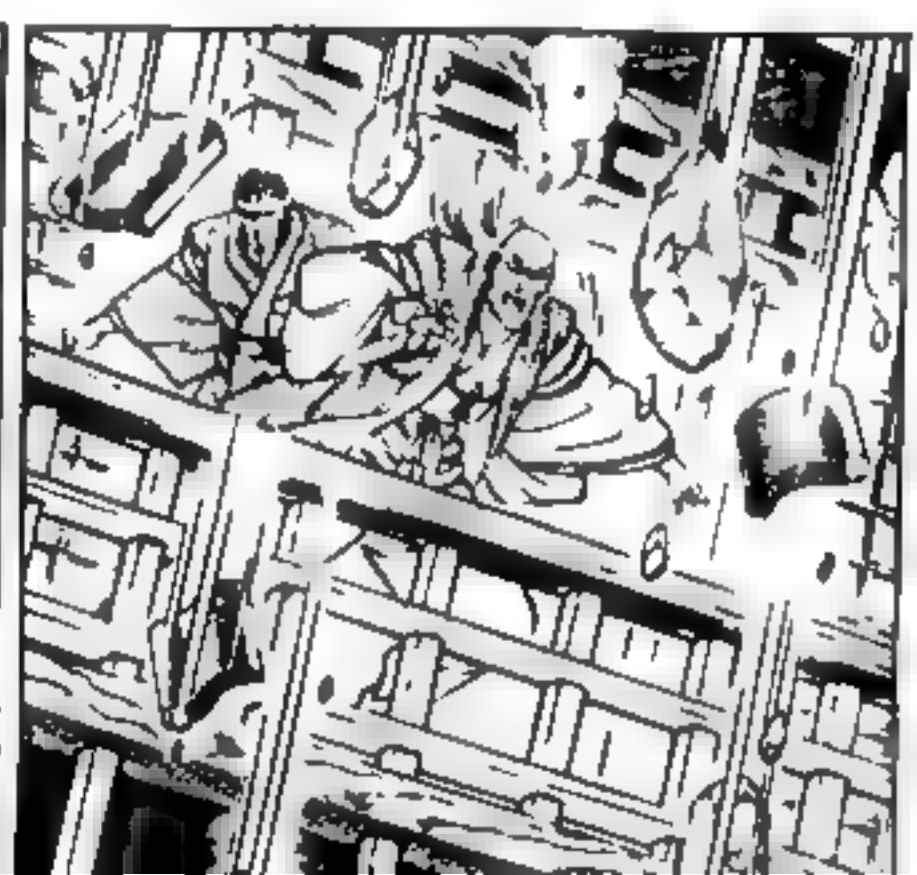
WH... WHAT IS...IS THIS ---!!

O...OUT-SIDE---!! I'LL LOOK OUTSIDE ---!!

UO ---!!



WA...WAIT, ST...STOP DATE ---!!
I'M THE REAL HIEN ----!!
WITH THIS, HE'S IN A ONE-SIDED DEFENSIVE BATTLE! HE CAN'T WAGE AN ATTACK ON ME!!
FUFFUFU: YOU'RE PERFECTLY TRAPPED IN MY ART!!
WITH THIS, I CAN ALREADY SEE THIS MATCH!!
YOU'RE PRATTLING!! IN THAT CASE WHY DID YOU MISS WITH YOUR SENBON---!!

GUWA !!
DIE!!
HUH !?
DA... DATE ---!!

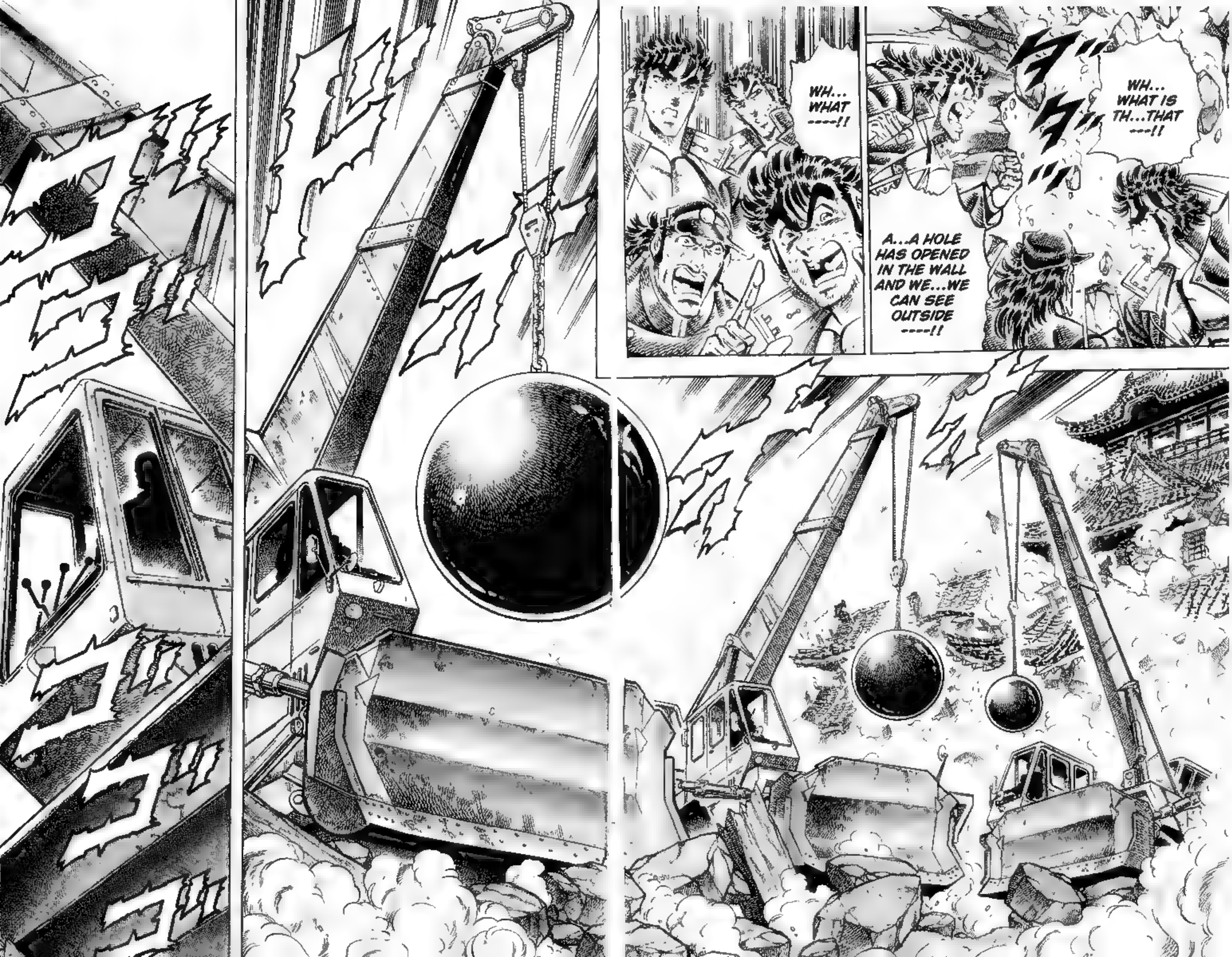
!!
TH... THAT'S .....!!
N...NOT DATE!!
TH... THAT'S .....!!
WH... WHAT ---!!

N--!!

YEAH, WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY-WHERE, BUT WE CAN'T FIND HIM.
WH... WHERE HAS HIEN ACTUALLY GONE TO?
IT...IT SEEMS LIKE THIS ENTIRE MANSION HAS BECOME A LABYRINTH.

WHAT IS THAT SOUND!?
IT'S EXTREMELY NOISY OUTSIDE.

HO!!


WH... WHAT ----!!
WH... WHAT IS TH...THAT ---!!
A...A HOLE HAS OPENED IN THE WALL AND WE...WE CAN SEE OUTSIDE ----!!

KA KA KA. WE'RE HERE TOO.
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKO-JUKU, EDAJIMA HEIHACHI !!
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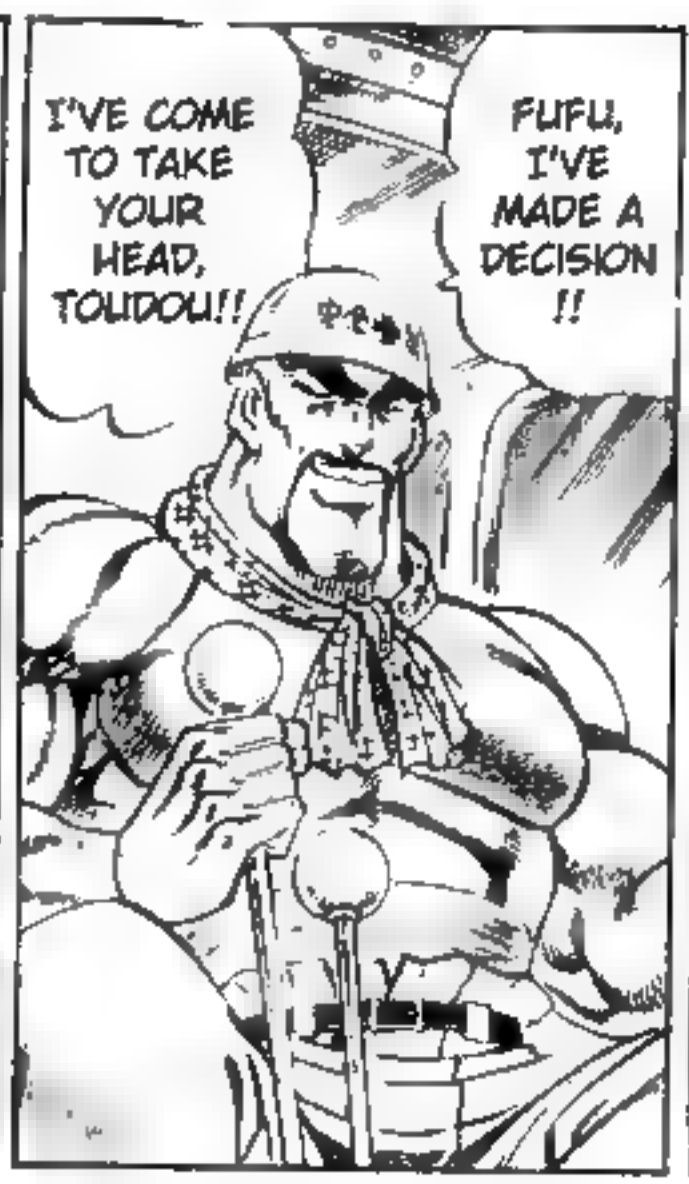
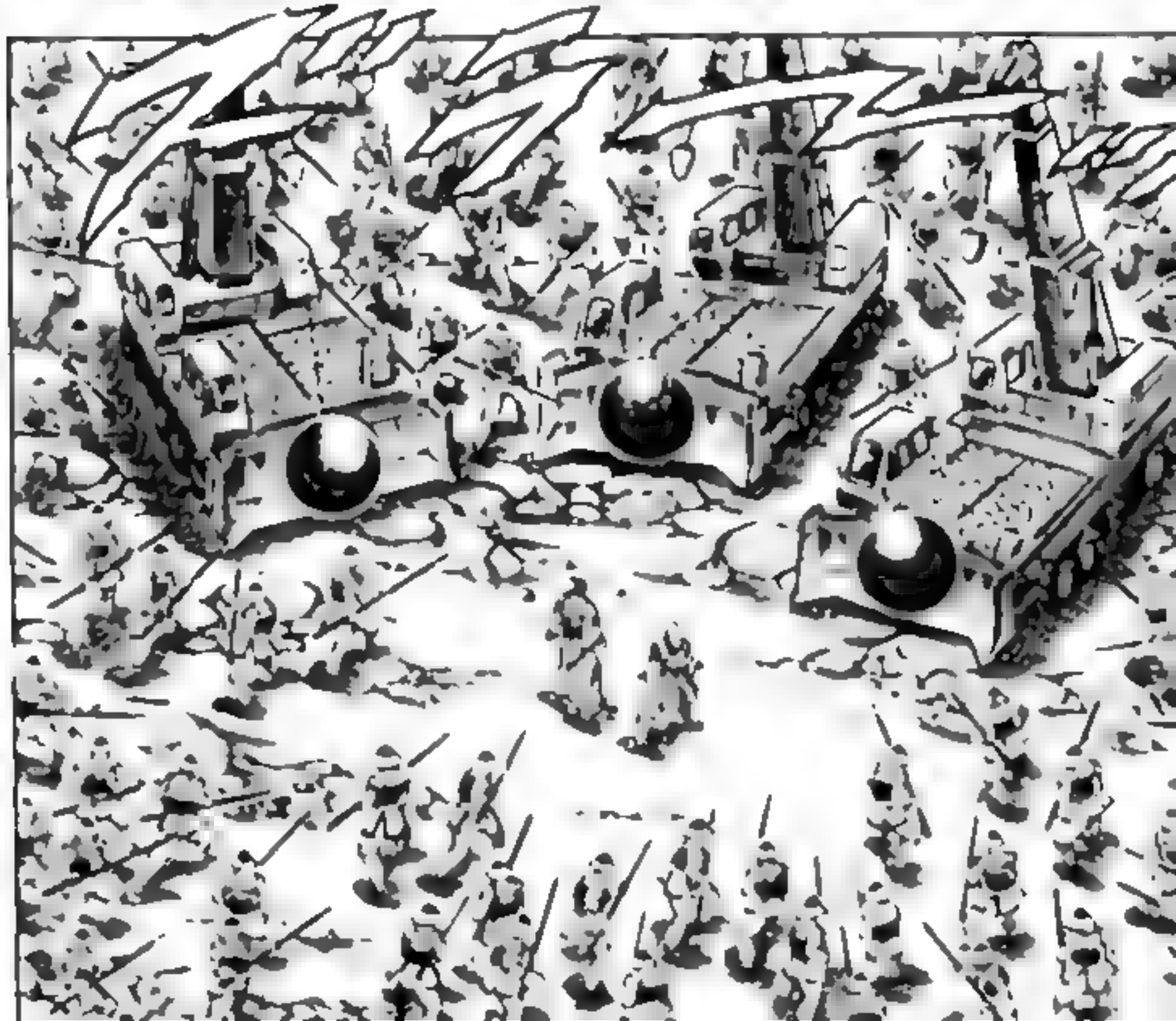
HELMET SAFETY FIRST
THE... PRINCIPAL IS... AT BUGEN CASTLE ---!!
IT'S... THE PRINCI-PAL ---!!

N...NO WAY, TH...THIS THING IS...!!
H...HOW DID HE GET BACK FROM THE OUTER SPACE...!?


I'VE COME TO TAKE YOUR HEAD, TOUDOU!!
FUFU, I'VE MADE A DECISION !!

WH...WHY ARE YOU HERE---!!
E...EDA JIMA ----!!

EVERYONE COME HERE---!!
NUUU, COME ---!!



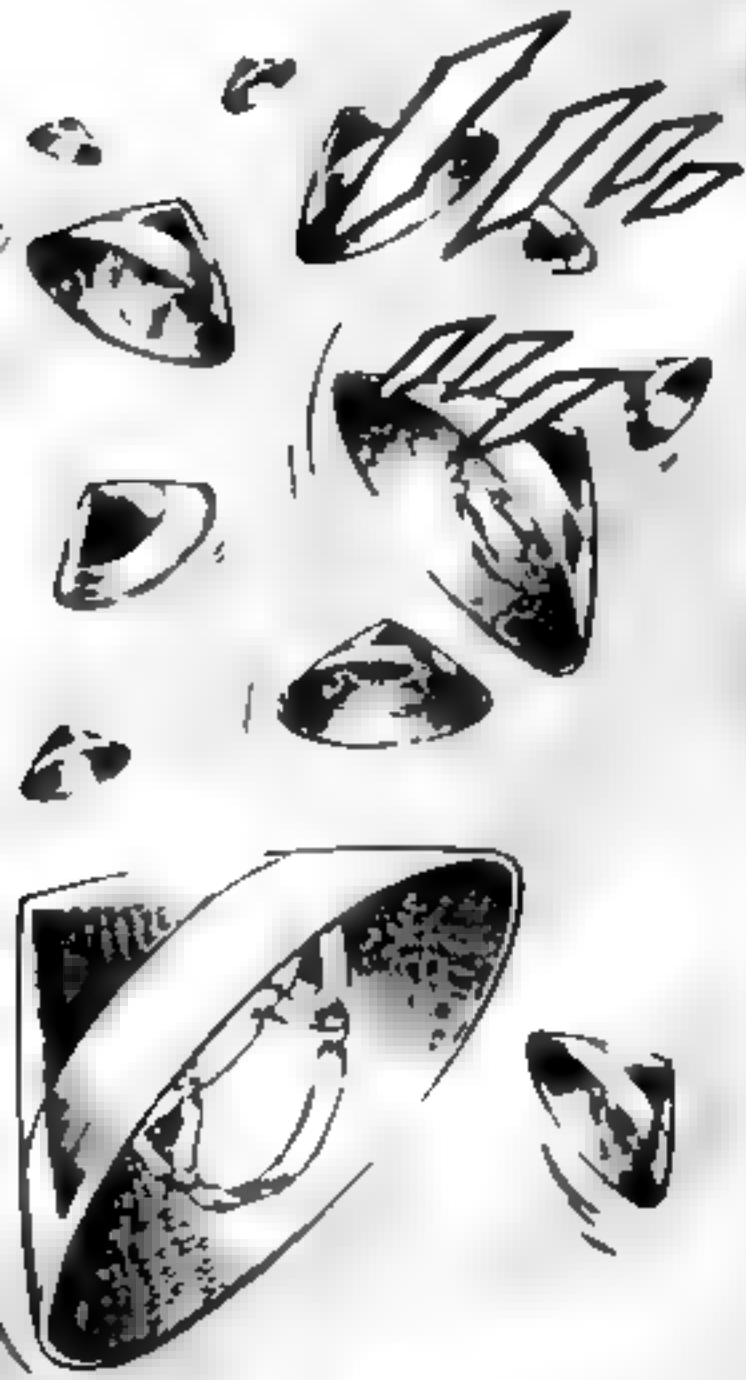
I I... LEAVE IT TO YOU .....!!

WITH THESE MEN, THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR ANYMORE!!

FU, BE AT PEACE, TOUDOU-SAMA.

TEAR THOSE INSOLENTS LIMB FROM LIMB----!!

TAKE THEM ---!!



DIDN'T YOU HEAR MY ORDER---!!

WH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU ---!!

YOUR SOLDIERS WERE SLEEPING OUTSIDE!!

REMEMBER ME!?

WAHHAHA, WE DON'T TAKE ORDER FROM YOU.

TH...THE OTOKOJUKU SHITENNOU ARE HERE TOO, AND WAN TAAREN---!!

IT'S...IT'S PHARAOH AND HAKUHOU AND THE OTHERS WHO SHOULD BE FIGHTING IN DIFFERENT PLACES--!!

L... LOOK---!! MA...MATSUO AND TAZAWA ARE HERE ----!!

WH..WHEN DID THIS HAPPEND ?!

WH... WHAT---!! Y...YOU ALL ARE----!!

TH...THEY'RE ALL OTOKO-JUKU!! IT'S A GATHERING OF ALL OF OTOKOJUKU ---!!

400
---!!

I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU, SWORD-FIGHT ACTOR!!

HUH!!

HI!!

GUGYA !!

BOTH ME AND MY STUDENTS ARE TERRIBLY OBLIGED TO YOU---!!

WELL-THEN, HOW AM I GOING TO COOK YOU UP?

IF...IF IT'S MONEY, I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING. JU...JUST SPARE MY LIFE, EDAJIMA ---!!

HI...HI!--- SA...SAVE ME- I...I'VE BEEN BAD---!!

LET'S GO BACK TO OTOKO-JUKU!!
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TRANSLATION: STRANGERATARU
CLEAN: HENDRA
TYPESETTING: HENDRA

YOU'RE WELCOME TO UPLOAD THIS SCANLATION IN ANOTHER WEBSITE. BUT PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU DO THAT. THANKS